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"And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God." Luke 8:1.

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

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A Message from Our President

MRS. D. T. L. MCKERROLL
President

THE sixty-first year of our Women's Missionary Society has been well inaugurated. Women from prairie and mountain met with their sisters from rolling meadows and cities of gulf and plain and river, in historic Knox Church, on June 11th and 12th. Each has been heartened by the other, and has gone forth as a herald to earnest groups of women from coast to coast. Faithfully and well will the story of these epoch-making days of reconstruction and forward look, be told by those who were privileged to be there.

The work of this Society makes a tremendous appeal to girlhood and womanhood. Through this organization and its missionaries, each can fulfil the longing to do something more for her Saviour and bring souls to Him and crown the life with joy of future harvest. The very thought enkindles the soul. What seemed like the squirrel-cage-wheel of useless living, is seen to be, in truth, the creation of real power through Divine laws, bringing light to the uttermost parts of Canada and the world.

And what of work to do? Truly our hearts burned within us as plea after plea reached us from fields new and old of a needy world at the door. Who is equal to these things! As gifts come into the Treasury some of these doors can be entered; but a shadow lies on our hearts that alas! some must be regretfully closed. In these days let us each be much in supplication that we may choose to enter as He has planned. His guidance has been manifestly with us. It will be so still. Each girl and woman is His instrument of destiny. Let us use our God given power.

Mary C. D. McKerroll.

Editorial

ONCE upon a time a great company dwelt in a pleasant valley. They had flocks and herds and houses and gear, and the fame of their possessions went afar. But the Lord of that valley knew that if his people would be strong they must endure hardship, so he called them to leave the pleasant places and follow him to the uplands. Some said: "It is not the voice of the Master;" others said: "It is the Lord, we must answer His call," and, believing, they went forth. What matter that they went empty handed, that the road was new and the pathway steep; it was the way to the uplands, and the Master went before. It was no idle pilgrimage. Everywhere were wayside ministries: the sad to be cheered, the sorrowing to be comforted, the sick to be healed, the ignorant to be taught, the way to be made smooth for the feet of little children, and the message of the Christ told to all. And as they journeyed, one said to another, "Behold! a little one has become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation", how may all hear the story of this leading? And they said among themselves, because we are following Him who "went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God," let us put in writing the story of our pilgrimage and of the way the Master has led us, and the work he has given us to do. So they made a record of it, and because the joy of the Lord was in their hearts, they named it *The Glad Tidings.*

THE EDITOR of *The Glad Tidings* would like, in this, the first number of the magazine, to express to the membership her appreciation of the honor which they have conferred upon her in calling her to this high office. As she faces her task, she asks that the members would adopt her for prayer, and also that the same love and loyalty which have been hers in such large measure in the past, in her work both on the *Pioneer*, the *Messenger*, and later on the *Bulletin*, will be extended to her as she again takes up her pen in the interests of her Church and the furtherance of the great cause of missions.

THE HONOR of being the first Life Member of our Presbyterian W.M.S. belongs to Miss Sara Mickle, formerly editor of the *Pioneer*, and a member of St. Andrew's Church Auxiliary, Toronto. A complete list will appear in September.

READERS ARE ASKED to preserve this number for reference, as it contains the names and addresses of the members of the Council Executive, Provincial Boards, and also the list of our publications.

The Annual Meeting of the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society

Knox Church, Toronto, June 11-12, 1925

The Preparation of Prayer.

IT was midnight of June 9th—that mystic hour that divides night from day, darkness from dawn, the yesterday from the to-morrow, the past from the future, when the prayer meeting which shall ever remain engraven on the hearts of all who were present, convened in Knox Church, Toronto. The hour was unusual. For thousands, the day had been crammed with the inspiration of the great Pre-Assembly Congress; for the commissioners to the General Assembly, seared with the memory of the bitter parting of the ways. Few, we thought, would attend. But, impelled by some high yearning, we decided to go. Never shall we forget the strange sense of the unreal as we drove through the streets of the city lying silent and still, saw the homes of the people in darkness, then suddenly came upon the great Church, every window alight, and the streets, far as eye could see, lined with waiting motors. Threading our way through the crowd that stood close pressed to the very doors, we finally gained entrance—to find the great auditorium packed with people bowed low in prayer. And when we learned that for over two hours, intercession, silent and audible, had never ceased, like a whip came the words: "What went ye out to see? A reed shaken with the wind?" And the command— "Put off the shoes from off thy feet for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground!"

"Twice born men." We have read about them. But that night we saw our Church reborn out of strife, sorrow and heartbreak; rebaptized by the Holy Spirit; rededicated by the Interim Moderator of the reconstituted Assembly to the service of man and the glory of God. That was our preparation for the meeting of the morning.

The Setting and Spirit of the Meeting.

No Church in Canada is so closely linked with the history of the Women's Missionary Society as is Knox Church, Toronto—that Presbyterian Cathedral with its "long drawn aisles and fretted vaults; its pillars and pointed arches and large seating spaces."

It has been the scene of four of the greatest events in the history of our Society: the formation of the W.F.M.S. in 1876, of the W.H.M.S. in 1903, (both in the old Church edifice on Queen Street), the amalgamation of the Home, Foreign and Montreal Societies into the W.M.S.,

on May 15th, 1914, and its reorganization, on June 12th, 1925, (immediately after the schism of our Church), as The Presbyterian W.M.S.

Impelled by the urge of their Church's need, and in answer to her call, the women came. No portion of our wide Dominion was unrepresented—twenty-nine from British Columbia; thirty-four from Alberta; thirty-five from Saskatchewan; fourteen from Manitoba; 747 from Ontario; sixty-five from Quebec; and thirty-five from the Maritime Provinces—959 in all, not including three visitors from Australia and one from India. As we glanced over the vast audience that filled every seat and stood at every door, we looked not with the faces of strangers, for amongst them were some eighteen officers of the former Executive Board, Presidents or Secretaries of every Provincial and Presbyterial Society, and officers or members from nearly every Auxiliary or Band in Canada. The great proportion of the women were young, keen, alert, earnest and optimistic. To sense the spirit of the meeting one had but to listen to the deep note in their song, the depth in their prayers and their reverent reading of the Word of God. "These are they that have come out of great tribulation" was our thought as we looked at them. Theirs was: "Forgetting those things which are behind we press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Humbly, we thanked God for such women, Convenanters all, who that day, free and unafraid, looked up into the face of their Covenant-keeping God, and sought His guidance and benediction.

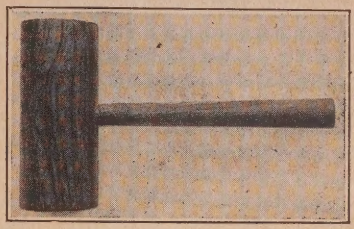
The devotional service that opened the morning session and gave the keynote to the whole day, was in charge of Mrs. I. C. Sharp of Montreal. In the solemn stillness of the beautiful Church the audience stood and together repeated the Apostles' Creed, followed by silent prayer for the gift of the Holy Spirit. After the singing of the hymn, "Spirit Divine Attend Our Prayers," came the reading of the Scripture; a message of cheer from the leader with its appeal to "Let this crisis in our Church and W.M.S. arouse us to greater effort, greater consecration fervor and zeal;" and prayer by Mrs. Dickie of Montreal. With us during this period were thirty-five representatives from the Maritime Provinces, these, on the suggestion of the Chairman, were at this juncture, by unanimous vote, made corresponding members at all sessions.

Words of welcome were spoken by Miss Mortimer Clark and Miss Jessie Parsons, the former accompanying her happy greeting with a brief outline of the service rendered by the Women's League, Toronto Branch, in the preservation of the Presbyterian Church. The latter touched on the historic link of the W.M.S. with Knox Church to which she, on behalf of the Board of the Provisional W.M.S., and in the name of the minister and session of the Church, welcomed the delegates.

The Chairman's Statement.

The rising of the Chairman, Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, to make the "Introductory Statement" brought the audience to their feet. Vividly she recounted the work of the continuing Presbyterian W.M.S. which, lacking a President, had been largely under the direction of the three Vice-Presidents. She outlined the work undertaken by the Provisional Executive Board, carefully explained the causes that had led to each line of action, and called upon the meeting, to accept the Board, as constituted, until such time as one could be permanently appointed; to ratify their action in writing to the non-concurring missionaries that the W.M.S. would undertake their support, and also the calling of this annual meeting. A unanimous standing vote was the answer.

Deep appreciation was expressed for all who had upheld the workers in prayer throughout these trying months, and a statement made regarding the postponement of the appearance of the new magazine, due to the new name having to be approved by the annual meeting. The address closed with the presentation to the meeting, by Mrs. McKerroll, of a gavel, of Indian teak wood, sent for the use of the President of the W.M.S. by Dr. Buchanan of India. The box containing this gift and one for the Moderator of the General Assembly, had been carried thirty miles through the jungle, by a Bhil runner. The gavel bore the inscription: "Presbyterian W.M.S., 1925. 'Go,' Matt. 28:19. 'Come,' Acts 16:9. Amkhut Bhils pray: Acts 1:8." What acknowledgment could the meeting make other than to solemnly rise and receive so precious a gift?



THE GAVEL

The Constitution.

The Constitution, reduced from forty-seven to twenty-eight pages, was presented by Mrs. D. Strachan. The main change noted is the altered relationship of the Women's Missionary Society to the Church. The auxiliary relationship to the Mission Boards is now at an end, and henceforth, the W.M.S. is an independent organization, administering its own funds, making its own appointments, holding its own property, and carrying on its work subject only to the policies formulated by the newly created General Board of Missions of the Church. But on this Board, and helping formulate all policies, sit ten* members of the Council Executive of the W.M.S. who are nominated by the Council

*See page 2.

and elected by the General Assembly†. Further, the name Executive Board has been changed to Council Executive, and its membership reduced from fifty-one to thirty-five; and the President's term of office limited "The President shall be elected annually, but shall not hold office for more than three consecutive terms."† The terms, National Missions and Overseas Missions are to be used to designate home and foreign work, and the Strangers Department becomes Welcome and Welfare.

As the W.M.S. is now an independent organization, it became necessary to appoint a Board of Trustees, and* five ladies were elected according to the provision of the By-law.

The Constitution was accepted as presented.

Deputation Visits General Assembly.

An innovation was the sending of a deputation to the General Assembly to bear greetings from the women of the W.M.S., explain our request for altered relationship, and present the strength of our organization to date. The deputation was composed of: Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, who bore the greetings of the Society to the Moderator, Mrs. D. Strachan, who presented the Constitution, Miss Bessie MacMurchy, who gave the organization report, and the following representing the women of the different provinces: Mrs. D. G. McQueen, Alberta; Mrs. W. L. Clay (representing Mrs. Pillar), British Columbia; Mrs. A. Matheson, Manitoba; Mrs. A. Ballantyne, Ontario; Mrs. I. C. Sharp, Quebec; Mrs. Elizabeth R. Grace, Saskatchewan. Mrs. L. A. Moore of N. Sydney, brought greetings from the Maritime W.M.S.

Organization.

"We find ourselves to-day in another epoch in our history, with an organization just as it always has been, lessened considerably in numbers but not in enthusiasm," said Miss Bessie MacMurchy in introducing her report of "Organization Returns."

We have golden numbers in our history—dates of organization: 1876, 1903, 1914, our Jubilee in 1924, and in 1925 our re-constitution.

Our aim is to keep up the lines of organization along which we have always worked. Our women know them and they will keep them going. There will be all the help of the past, speakers, missionaries, field secretaries, literature and a magazine. We will have all this, and all else of good that your Board can devise and you tell us you need we will get it if we can.

But what is the greatest thing we want to carry away from this meeting? Is it something for ourselves? No. "We want no lustre of

†Constitution, page 3, sec. v.; p. 4, sec. v.
*See page 2.

our own, but we pray that, now and always, our W.M.S. may be a band of women whose hearts the Lord has touched.''

The statistical story changed daily, but to date there were: 786 Societies organized for work with thirty to forty members in most of them. Of these, Ontario has 439 Auxiliaries, sixty-eight Y.W. Auxiliaries, 167 Mission Bands, eight C.G.I.T. Groups, two Tuxis Boys' Groups; 1 Associate Society of men; British Columbia: twenty-two Auxiliaries, eight Mission Bands, six Y.W. Groups; Alberta twenty-three Auxiliaries, six Mission Bands; Quebec: twenty-three Auxiliaries, nine Y.W. Auxiliaries; Saskatchewan: twelve Auxiliaries.

Territorial divisions dimmed and faded and the bond: ''One in faith and doctrine, one in charity,'' brightened, as we listened to the gracious words by Mrs. J. W. McLean of N. Sidney, who brought greetings from the Maritime W.M.S.

Mrs. R. C. Donald, Convener of the Nominating Committee, submitted a list of twenty-three members for the Council Executive, and recommended that these be the nominees of the Council to the Assembly, the remaining six vacancies to be filled during the year as need arises. These names, with the Secretaryships to which they were later elected, appear on page two.

Outstanding Addresses.

At the afternoon session doors swung wide, and we saw a vision of the world's need that stirred our very being. The ''Opportunities and Responsibilities that faced our W.M.S. at Home and Abroad'' were splendidly outlined by Mrs. Horne. Following in quick succession came heart-stirring appeals from such outstanding missionaries as, Miss Caroline Macdonald, LL.D. of Japan, Miss Agnes Dixon, formerly of South China, at present in Chinese work in Toronto; Rev. John Wilkie, D.D. of Gwalior, India, and a brief plea for the Bhils by Mrs. McDonald. These messages will appear in article form in this or later issues.

National Missions—a term stamped with vision—has, for us, already been marked by action, and the first School Home in Northern Ontario has been purchased in New Liskeard by our W.M.S. It will open in the autumn, and will be primarily for boys and girls of high school age. Outpost work at Fort McMurray, 280 miles from Edmonton is also under consideration. It is a strategical point and the need of a hospital unit there is great. A deaconess nurse may solve the problem in the meantime.

At Montreal, Miss McArthur will continue to welcome newcomers and see to their welfare. Miss Murray, in Toronto, with eleven years experience in hospital visiting, will still bring cheer to the sick and weary Presbyterians from other lands or distant points in Canada, while

Miss Hugill of Montreal, with her invaluable knowledge of the language, will come very near the Chinese women and children in Canada.

The Treasurer of the Provisional Board, Mrs. R. C. Donald spoke on the finances. A message from her appears on another page.

Greetings to our Canadian and overseas missionaries present; the acceptance of a beautiful poem by H. Isabel Graham; afternoon tea as guests of the city Auxiliaries; and a conference with the Maritime W.M.S. in the evening completed this day of days.

Friday-Publications.

Miss Parsons made an earnest plea for more faithful study of the magazine and the missionary literature available in our office.

Keen interest was displayed as Miss Fraser rose to tell about our new magazine. It is not to be a large paper, the feeling being, that it were wiser to sow a seed and watch it grow than to plant a sapling and see it wither. It is to be called "The Glad Tidings." A large number of names were sent in, but the honor of suggesting the one chosen by the Committee, and accepted by the Annual Meeting, fell to Miss Olive Wagner, Toronto, formerly matron of the "Lucy M. Baker" School Home for girls in Prince Albert. It was also accompanied by a clever cover design. Already 6,344 subscriptions have been received for the new paper.

An appeal by Dr. Rochester, Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, for the maintenance of the Sabbath in all its purity, led the way to the "Quiet Hour" at noontide when, under the leadership of British Columbia Provincial, the large audience gathered for a sacred season of devotion.

Memorable Hours.

All too soon came the closing session. Fain would we enlarge on every detail of it,—the messages of cheer from Mrs. L. C. Moore and Miss Murray, welcome guests from the Maritime W.M.S., and from our own well-beloved Mrs. McQuesten; the acknowledgment of Dr. Dickie's gift of one hundred copies of his book on "Presbyterianism"; and the presentation, by the meeting, of flowers and congratulations to Mrs. E. Scott, wife of the newly-elected Moderator, and later, a similar gift, from Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Grant, to the President-elect. Appreciation was also expressed for the kindness shown to the delegates, both before and during the meeting, by Mrs. Inkster and her band of helpers.

Then came business: The acceptance of the resolutions regarding the work which the W.M.S. will undertake.

The decision to appoint a Field Secretary.

The acceptance, as members of the Society, of all former Life, Junior,

or Honorary members, and the decision to honor all gifts of money by junior members towards honor badges or Life Memberships.

The granting of Council powers to Council Executive should matters arise calling for immediate action.

The Resolutions presented by Mrs. McIntosh of Victoria rounded this section.

The election was in charge of Mrs. Pillar of Vancouver. Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll was unanimously chosen President. The names of the other Secretaries, with their office appear on page two.

The Rev. George Ross, D.D., of Montreal, and the Rev. W. L. Clay, D.D., of Victoria, representing the General Assembly, conducted the Installation Service—a service which for solemnity has never been surpassed. It marked the cementing of the bond between the Chief Court of the Church and the W.M.S.

The closing words were by Mrs. D. G. McQueen of Edmonton—our best-beloved and greatest western missionary pioneer. In the solemn stillness of the parting moments, her words fell as a benediction as she said: "As we go on our way, dear friends, let us seek the greatest gift of all, the Spirit-filled life. If we have that we need have no fear for the work of our Society."

It was the end. What song of praise other than "O God of Bethel," the National Anthem of our Church? What spirit other than that of prayer could close such a meeting? And as we bowed low in intercession, one with that great unseen company which for two days had upheld us in constant prayer, the cry of each heart was:

"God grant us wisdom in these coming days,
And eyes unsealed, that we clear visions see
Of that new world that He would have us build,
To life's ennoblement and His high ministry." M.C.G.F.

Statement From The Treasurer

FROM April, when we had to assume our first salaries, until July 14th, there has been received by the General Treasurer the sum of $7,737.35. With this we have paid all outstanding accounts, all salaries, and have made a payment of $3,850 on the New Liskeard School Home, leaving a balance in the treasury of $3,293.33. Now that our organization is complete we would ask that all monies come through the regular channels, from Auxiliary Treasurer to Presbyterial Treasurer, from Presbyterial to Provincial Treasurer, and from Provincial to the Treasurer of the Council. If these remittances are made frequently it will avoid any necessity of borrowing with its consequent payment of interest.

(Mrs. R. C.) L. B. Donald, *Treasurer.*

PRESBYTERIAN W.M.S. SCHOOL HOME, NEW LISKEARD, ONT.

The above is a picture of the new School Home in New Liskeard which will be opened on September 1st. The need of a Home in Northern Ontario has long been felt, and the realization of the dream came when the Annual Meeting, on June 11th, authorized the taking up of the option which had been secured early in May. This Home, a fine substantial white brick residence, will accommodate twenty-two pupils, and is so constructed that it lends itself to housing both boys and girls. It will be primarily for High School pupils, although those who are without public school advantages will not be refused. It will be a gratification to our readers to know that Miss Marjorie McIlwain, until recently matron at Prince George School Home, will be in charge. A full account will appear at the time of the opening.

A Prayer for a Purpose

"Give me, O Christ, a glimpse of the unfinished enterprises of the world. Reveal to me the tasks that stand waiting for hearts and hands like mine. Wilt Thou forgive me that in the past I have stood unseeing and untouched in front of vast human need? Guide my steps to the purpose in life that will mean most for myself and for others. Direct my will and illumine my mind so that all temporary and unimportant purposes may be set on the circumstance of my life. Grant that my life ambition may have something of sacrifice in it. And in the day when my purpose proves most costly, grant unto me, O, Lord, an unswerving, whole-hearted, joyful devotion to its attainment and the doing of Thy will." Amen.

Regarding Our Work

MRS. H. R. HORNE

IN the months preceding June, as it became evident that a strong Presbyterian Church would continue in Canada, appeals began to come to the Provisional Board of the W.M.S., with offers of definite missionary work. These appeals were presented at our W.M.S. meeting in Knox Church, Toronto, on June 11th and 12th, in a series of Resolutions which were adopted by the large delegation present.

These Resolutions dealt with the support of those missionaries who are remaining Presbyterian, the continuation and extension of our Educational and Hospital work, and the establishment of Pension and Sustaining Funds. For missions overseas they included a share in a new work being undertaken by Miss Caroline Macdonald, LL.D., for the factory girls of Japan.

Co-operative work such as Nursing, Normal and Medical Training Schools and Colleges, and the preparation of Christian Literature for India, China, and Moslem lands.

In connection with our old overseas fields which we have all helped to establish, it was pointed out that there are certain parts where circumstances of various kinds indicate that we should endeavor to establish some means of continued responsibility. Among these are the Gwalior and Bhil districts in India, the Ling Ching Tsun Hospital in Korea, and the Women's Work in South China. In all of these fields, their geographical separation from the rest of the mission, and the proportion of workers remaining Presbyterian in the immediate district comes as a special call to us, but we are as yet unable to report any definite action in regard to these fields of former endeavor. The appeals for Moslem work came from four distinct sources, revealing great opportunities, and further information is being gathered concerning them.

Since our meeting in June, the salaries of certain missionaries have become our obligation; these we gladly assumed.

Our first advance step has been taken in Educational work. A fine property has been purchased in New Liskeard and, as a W.M.S., we have every reason to be proud of the first School Home in Northern Ontario for boys and girls.

The forward step has also been taken in Hospital work. Very soon our Deaconess Nurse will be in Fort McMurray where a hearty welcome awaits her. Her first contact with the people will be through visiting them in their homes, and later will come the building of the unit.

Miss Caroline Macdonald will shortly return to Japan with the

good news of support for the Factory Girls' Night School. For these girls we pray that, with minds enlightened, their hearts may gladly receive the brightness of the "Light of the World."

One by one we are taking up our new obligations while continuing as many of the old as may be arranged. Our final resolution reads: "Resolved that all undertakings on behalf of our Society are conditional upon the receipt of funds deemed sufficient for the same."

The need is world-wide. Our W.M.S. proclaims "Christ for the world." On each one of us then rests the obligation through our prayers, our service, and our gifts, to make His name known. May our response be as eager as the world's need is urgent.

Supply Department

THE Supply Department of the Women's Missionary Society is one of the most interesting departments of the Society's work. It seems to touch so intimately the physical needs of those to whom we minister, and through the physical, reacts on the mental and spiritual. Not all can preach, or teach, or heal the sick, but every woman who plies her needle in aid of the Supply Department renders a service that is invaluable.

From Quebec to British Columbia inclusive, the opportunities for service are unlimited. Our Home Mission Fields will require supplies of quilts, clothing, and Christmas gifts for the children in the Sabbath Schools. The Welcome and Welfare Department will require supplies to minister to the comfort and necessity of strangers arriving in Canada. Our hospital visitor, Miss Mary Murray, will need many things in her ministrations to the sick and needy. To meet these needs, and others that are sure to arise in the near future, our women are asked to continue the preparation of supplies such as they have been accustomed to make in past years. Later on, further allocations will be made as the work opens up.

At New Liskeard, in Northern Ontario, a School Home is being opened and furnishings are required immediately. The Home is to be in readiness for the opening of the school term, September 1, 1925. This means that supplies must reach New Liskeard about August 15th. Allocations have been sent to Ontario and Quebec Provincial Societies. No doubt the Western Provincial Societies will want to share in this work, and contributions of money will be gladly accepted from them, especially as there will be a considerable cash outlay for the furnishings. Presbyterials should ship their supplies direct to, The Presbyterian School Home, New Liskeard, Ontario, c/o Rev. J. A. MacInnes.

Copies of the Constitution with the names and addresses of Provincial and Presbyterial officers are available (10c.). Invaluable for Auxiliaries.

How to Learn About Missions

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GUIDANCE

The Divine Leader

I am the Way. He that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness—John 14:6; 8:12.

The Cry for Guidance

Show me now Thy way—Ex. 33:13.
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Lead me to the Rock that is higher than I—Ps. 61:2.

The Answer

Surely I will be with Thee—Judges 6:16.
I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go; I will guide thee with mine eye—Ps. 32:8.

The Prayer

The Lord our God be with us as he was with our fathers: Let Him not leave us, nor forsake us—I. Kings 8:57.

STUDY PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Text Book—"Prayer and Missions," by Helen B. Montgomery.

THE aim of Chapter I. is to exhibit the Bible as the greatest book on prayer; to show by the example of the saints of the Old and New Testaments the glorious achievements of prayer; to recount the promises regarding Prayer; to throw into strong relief the prayer practice of Christ and His apostles, all with the purpose of leading believers to pray.

For busy people the following simple programme has been outlined:

1. Roll call to which members respond with Bible verses or prayer. See pp. 20-22; 31-39.

2. Sentence Prayers.

3. Singing: "Take My Life and Let it Be."

4. Statement by leader on the purpose of the present study, pp. 9-13.

5. Symposium: *My favorite Prayer-hero in the Old Testament.* Let five or more take part in this, pp. 17-19.

6. Paper or Address: *The Prayer Life of Jesus,* pp. 23-26.

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8. Lessons from Paul's Prayer Life. A discussion on such points as his prayerfulness, practice of intercession, thankfulness, etc., pp. 29-37.

9. Summing up by leader, pp. 38-40.

Throughout this year too much emphasis cannot be placed on the thought: that each meeting should be not merely a class studying a programme, but a School of Prayer.

For other books for study or supplementary reading see page 19.

C. G. I. T.

Suggested Programme for September

TO the C.G.I.T. Groups, as to all other departments of the Church, comes the appeal for renewed effort in prayer, Bible study and missionary activity.

May special blessing be sought for young people the world over, particularly those in places where danger threatens and ignorance and superstition prevail.

Consider again the Bible Girls in Training with reference to the influence exerted by their lives on friends, country and succeeding generations.

Lastly, bear in mind as an urgent missionary project, a library* for the new School Home at New Liskeard, the first School Home to be established in Northern Ontario. For further information concerning this home for boys and girls, consult page 12 of this magazine; for the library, consult your book shelves and those of your friends. Do not fear an over supply of reading matter, for other libraries are needed in new Sunday Schools as well as Minority Groups where all has been lost. Interest might be aroused by a library tea, the guests representing in some manner the book donated.

*Distributing Centres will be given in September "Glad Tidings".

MISSION BANDS

Programme for September

"BRAVE ADVENTURERS",* by Katharine Scherer Cronk, has been recommended for the 1925-26 Study Book. What girl or boy will not respond to the thrill of that title? Immediately, there will appear before their mind's eye some such picture as that adorning the book's cover—a gallant ship with full sail and vigorous prow, outward bound.

Whether the book with the accompanying poster patterns, handbook for leaders and crossword puzzles is employed or not, the suggestion must prove helpful. Rally your Mission Band with a stirring picture of a boat. Where invitations are necessary, write them on small boats, anchors or pennants. At the opening meeting, let your ship's name be chosen as well as your crew—from captain down to cabin boy. With the ship thus manned, turn to equipment—anchor, chart and compass. Also the question of the treasure chest must be discussed. Make reference to Queen Isabella of Spain who was ready to sacrifice her crown jewels in order to supply Christopher Columbus with adequate funds. In this case, mite boxes may serve as treasure chests, and with them the thought of "A penny a mile." At the end of the year, it will be interesting to estimate the distance traveled by each Mission Band.

Then for the Brave Adventurers, why not keep an Honor Roll; or, better, encourage the members to keep individual ones, ultimately awarding a prize for the best. Of course, a standard must be set, and none can better serve as an illustration than the little band of Christ's chosen apostles, eleven of whom followed faithfully their Master's instruction, "Go ye, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations."

For new leaders, the following order of service is intimated: Meeting opened with hymn— "Jesus Saviour Pilot Me;" Bible lesson— Matthew

28:16-20; prayer— in which the boys and girls entering our new school home at New Liskeard† might be remembered; roll call and offering; hymn— "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations;" lesson for the day— "Brave Adventurers; closing hymn— " 'Follow Me,' the Master said;" Lord's Prayer repeated in unison.

*See Publications—page 19.
†See School Home—page 12.

Take Heart and Trust

TAKE heart and trust, and go your way,
Ready to do the task assigned,
For God is with you day by day,
And in His presence you shall find
Strength and refreshment, joy for pain
No work for Him is done in vain.

Take heart and trust, the Saviour's voice
Is calling us to paths untrod
Look up! reach out, believe, rejoice,
Before us stretch the hills of God!
There dawns a brighter, happier day,
Take heart and trust, Love leads the way.

—H. ISABEL GRAHAM

Annual Meeting Resolutions

(ABRIDGED)

THAT WE humbly acknowledge our gratitude to Almighty God for preserving our Church throughout these days of trial.

THAT WE tender our deep appreciation to the Provisional Executive Board, for their courage in assuming responsibility for the carrying on of the work on behalf of our continuing W.M.S. to so successful an issue.

THAT WE express our warm thanks to the men of the Presbyterian Church Association, and also to the Women's League, for their zealous and successful efforts to help preserve our Church and her heritage.

THAT IN this strategic hour, the women of the Church emphasize the spiritual note as never before, and make personal prayer the victorious force by which we overcome all obstacles.

HEARTFELT thanks were extended to Dr. Buchanan for the beautiful and useful Indian-wood gavel, and to the Bhils for the message which accompanied it, also to the missionaries who so kindly addressed us, and for their wonderful message from home and foreign field.

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"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

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Editorial

Old Kildonan Church

OLD KILDONAN CHURCH — that cradle of Presbyterianism in Western Canada —has been the scene of many historic gatherings. To us, it is redolent with memories, the most touching, in recent days, being the story of the rebuilding within its sacred walls, on the evening of July 23rd, of the Manitoba Provincial Society of the Presbyterian W.M.S. To this solemn ceremony there gathered from all parts of the Province the women of the Covenant, calm, strong, serene souls! True, the Zion which they loved, and whose walls they had helped to rear, lay broken at their feet, and an unspeakable sorrow filled their hearts, but though "troubled, they were not distressed; though perplexed, not in despair; though persecuted, not forsaken; though cast down, not destroyed," and ere the shades of evening fell, they had laid the foundation of a new and, please God, a worthier Zion and rebuilt its walls with material old and new.

While this impressive ceremony was in progress indoors, outside, in the fading light, like sentinels on guard, could be seen the headstones that marked the resting place of those who had kept the faith and passed on before. Among them stood one to the memory of the Rev. Dr. James Robertson, the greatest Superintendent of Western Missions that Canada has known, on which these prophetic words were inscribed, "The story of his work is the story of the Presbyterian Church in Western Canada, and while Western Canada endures that work will

abide.'' And our prayer would be, that when the days pass into years and the history of the work of the W.M.S. in Manitoba is written it may merit a tribute as great.

THREE REMARKABLE BOOKS have been chosen for study for 1925-26, *Prayer and Missions*, by Helen Barrett Montgomery, for Auxiliaries. *Nation Builders*, by J. Lovell Murray, for young people; and *Brave Adventurers*, by Katharine Scherer Cronk, for Mission Bands.

Prayer and Missions.—Everywhere, to-day, we hear it emphatically stated that the church and missionary organizations have been devoting too much time to organization and efficiency and too little to the development of the spiritual life. If this criticism be true, then the Central Committee on the United Study of Foreign Missions could not have celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary more suitably than by issuing this book which calls us to spend a year in the study and discovery of the unlimited power released through prayer, and to teach us that *''Nothing lies beyond the reach of prayer except that which lies outside the will of God.''* We commend it to our members and to the thousands of women, old and young, who cannot join the Auxiliary study class who might find life changed by reading its thrilling record of Divine power, and of victories of prayer on the mission field. Among the pictures of pioneers which brighten its pages is one of the late Mrs. Thos. Ewart, the first President of our W.M.S. Price 60c. and 85c.

How to use might be called the handmaid of *Prayer and Missions.* It is prepared by Helen B. Montgomery and is rich in original suggestions for programmes, apt quotations and timely illustrations. Price 15c.

Brave Adventurers.—This book is intended to teach boys and girls the meaning and possibilities of prayer, and is rich in examples of answered prayer. It is simple yet profound and should find its way into Sunday Schools as well as Mission Bands. Its bright cover design—a ship in full sail—charming illustrations and interesting reading matter make it one of the most attractive text books yet published. Price 50c. and 75c.

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Prayers for Little Children, by Lucy M. Peabody, is a lovely little book, for very little people. Mrs. Peabody believes that even a child of two or three can be taught to pray and enjoy prayer, and so has prepared sixteen prayers for different occasions: ''When I Am Afraid''; ''When Father and Mother are Away''; ''When I Am Naughty,'' etc. There is a book plate with line for name and age. This book has been used

with one little four year old who calls for it again and again. Primary teachers would find it helpful. Price 25c.

Nation Builders, the study book for the teen age grade, contains impressionistic sketches of some men and women who in their own way have built something into the development of Canada. "Some were famous, while some were little known, some were highly gifted, and some of quite average talents; some made their contribution through the Church and some otherwise; some belong to earlier and some to more recent times. But each gave something that was distinctive and fine; each wrought in Canada's upbuilding—and she is now awaiting similar service at the hands of the young Canadians of to-day." This book is issued by the Church Boards co-operating through the Canadian Council of Missionary Education Movement. Price 60c. and 75c.

MISS ETHEL REID of Shek-Ki, South China, the first missionary to return to Canada since the re-organization of our Church, is now in Toronto. The members of our Society who live in the port cities have this advantage over those who reside inland, that they are the last to bid our outgoing missionaries God-speed, and the first to say welcome home! The Vancouver ladies have long exercised this privilege. We are glad to learn that they are continuing this gracious work and, that on Miss Reid's arrival in Vancouver, the members of the Provincial Board of the Presbyterian W.M.S. welcomed her at the home of Mrs. Donald McLeod, Convener of Westminster Presbyterial. Later, in Toronto, the Council Executive had the privilege of having this honored missionary sit with them during their meeting, and of hearing from her own lips the story of her work.

THE PRESENT SITUATION IN CHINA is causing a good deal of anxiety to the Mission Boards which have work there, and to the families of those missionaries who are known to be in the danger zone. In South China, all work has been discontinued, except such as can be carried on by Chinese workers. All others have been ordered to Hongkong.

Letters tell us that Chinese servants in the homes in that city, and also many of the crew of the boats have left, and some of our missionaries have found temporary work in homes or on ships. The *Empress of Canada* could not have made her last trip except for volunteers. Among them were Miss Baty of the hospital at Shek-Ki and Miss Cairns, teacher in Kongmoon, who were helping out the ship's staff. They arrived in Canada on July 26th and, according to their promise to the captain to comple the round trip, have returned to China. All honor to these girls for their patriotism and their bravery, for they stayed at their posts as long as life was safe.

AUTHENTIC INFORMATION has been received that on June 10th, in Ontario alone, there were, belonging to the Presbyterian W.M.S., 439 Senior Auxiliaries, 68 Young Women's Auxiliaries, 167 Mission Bands, 12 C.G.I.T. Groups, and 7 minority groups, all of which now have Auxiliaries. Since that date there have been reported 2 new Auxiliaries and 2 Tuxis Groups in Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterial, 2 Auxiliaries in Orangeville, P. S. and 2 in Algoma. On June 10th we had 7,811 members. Since then there have been added new Auxiliaries and a vastly increased membership.

TO FACILITATE the delivery of mail, Toronto has been divided into postal districts. Our office is in district 2, and we would ask our correspondents to include this number in the address and place it after the word, Toronto.

Statement From The Treasurer

SINCE July 14th, when we made our last statement, $1,008.21 has been received by the General Treasurer.

All outstanding accounts have been paid, and about $800.00 spent on supplies for our New Liskeard Home. Beside this, a suitable office has been rented and two months' rent paid, leaving a balance in the bank of $2,278.31. (MRS. R. C.) S. B. DONALD, *Treasurer*

Prayer

OUR LOVING Heavenly Father, to whom can we come but unto Thee, with our longing for a gracious outpouring of Thy blessing upon our Women's Missionary Society, as it proclaims the glad tidings of Thy love! May each woman in our church, realizing the preciousness of the Saviour to her own soul, make the need of the unsatisfied world her personal care. Help us to live the victorious life, through prevailing prayer, so that the boundless opportunities for service in the waiting harvest fields of the world may lure us to nobler endeavor! O God of Bethel! who dids't not fail our fathers, we place our confidence in Thy continued leading, realizing our need of wisdom help and guidance. May our surrendered lives claim the presence of Thy Holy Spirit, to be, through all the days, our omnipotent, all-sufficient and Divine guide. Vouchsafe to us sustaining hope, vital faith and ardent love so that, in fellowship with our Lord and Master, we shall help to bring in the glad time, when He shall be enthroned in the hearts and lives of redeemed humanity. Amen.

A Novel Meeting for September

Mrs. David A. Smith, Vancouver

THE following programme, which has been specially prepared for reorganized Auxiliaries, should prove of interest to all W.M.S. groups and provide a good opening meeting for the fall season.

Appoint a special committee to send out to every woman in the congregation the following questionnaire, adding any other questions suggested by local conditions, and enclose a stamped envelope for the reply. The questions should be typed on a large sheet of paper, with a space between for the answers.

All papers should be returned to the committee at least a week before the meeting, so that they may be arranged and amplified; each committee member being responsible for an interesting presentation of one question. If the idea is taken up in the right spirit, there should be a great deal of animated discussion.

Even those of us who have been for years in the very heart of the W.M.S. work have felt at times that our Society was by no means perfect, though "with all its faults we loved it still"; but on many occasions we have heard even church women remark that the meetings were dull; or that they were always "run by the same few women" (entirely oblivious to the fact that they themselves had refused to help "run" it). Others have complained that the speakers were poor; or the papers were uninteresting, etc. It is for the purpose of airing all these various opinions that this questionnaire is drawn up.

Questionnaire

We are all anxious, at this new beginning in our W.M.S. history, to make our Society as effective as possible. To that end will you think carefully over the following questions and send in your answers to ..... before the next monthly meeting?

1. Do you think that the W.M.S. really represents the women of the church? If not, how would you suggest linking up one hundred per cent. of the women with the Society?

2. What do you think about the amalgamation of the W.M.S. and other women's associations in individual congregations?

3. What form do you think the monthly programme should take? Do you like the idea of an outside missionary speaker at each meeting, or do you prefer a talk on the study book by one of your own members?

4. Do you consider that the authorized text book for the year does any good unless every member has a copy and uses it?

5. Do you think it would be in the interests of our missionary education to alternate the study of our own mission fields with the lives of great missionaries of the past in our own and other churches?

6. Is it wise to spend the greater part of the one missionary hour in the month in Bible study?

7. How can we induce every member to contribute by envelope, be the amount ever so small?

8. Have you any suggestions to offer for increasing the interest in the W.M.S. and missionary work generally?

There is no doubt that a frank discussion of these problems will tend to increase the interest in our W.M.S. work.

Another little hint that is especially useful in smaller churches.—Obtain for your Secretary a hectograph or gelatine pad (postcard size, cost about $1.00). Write a bright notice of the next meeting, announcing subject and speaker, and extending a cordial invitation. Seventy-five copies can be run off in half an hour. It is a simple process. Anyone can do it. These should be given out to Sunday School pupils for delivery on the Sunday before the meeting. Try this for three or four months and you will be surprised at the increase in attendance. The writer had the pleasure of seeing a rural Auxiliary membership grow from five or six members to nearly thirty in less than a year, by this simple expedient.

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

Study Book—"Prayer and Missions."

The aim of Chapter II is "to disclose certain teachings about prayer in the Old and New Testaments; to study the characteristics and conditions of successful prayer; to formulate a theory as to the nature of prayer; to stimulate the practice of prayer." In, "How to use," the author, Helen B. Montgomery, suggests the following programme:

ROLL CALL. *Bible Teachings on Prayer.* pp. 46-53. Let each member respond with one of the promises given in the book.

SENTENCE PRAYERS FOR MISSIONARIES. Let them be definite, individual, and carefully prepared.

PAPER. *A Surprising Discovery.* pp. 45-50.

ADDRESS. *God's Character the True Basis of Prayer.* pp. 50-55. Close address with poem on p. 55.

SYMPOSIUM. *The Nature of Prayer.* Have five women give in their own words matter found on pages 55-66.

OBJECTIVES AND ANSWERS. Let two women present matter found on pp. 59-62.

JESUS TEACHINGS ON PRAYER, pp. 63 and 64 to be given as a recitation.

A CALL TO PRAYER. pp. 70-72. Given by the leader and ending with prayer.

Let us ever keep in mind that "each meeting ought to be not merely a study class of a programme but a school of prayer."

C. G. I. T.

AT THIS time of year when the girls are returning home from vacation or going back to school where re-union with friends takes place, will they not spare a thought for the newcomers to Canada, those who, having broken old ties, are striking fresh trails in our land? Through the Welcome and Welfare workers of the church, and especially through their supply cupboard*, the hand of good fellowship may be extended.

Miss Macarthur mentions these incidents in describing the work in Montreal.

"A mother and her two little lads going to Alberta, were separated from their luggage, excepting the lunch box carried. The fact was not realized until after leaving Quebec. At the Montreal station, the mother told her trouble to the worker. The case was reported to the baggage officials and then the supply cupboard was visited, soap, towels, cups and spoons being given to help along the journey. The mother thought the things were to be paid for or, if not, returned. When she was told the things were a gift from the church, she could not express her thanks.

"A few weeks ago, a foreign mother with her twelve days' old baby was met at the station. She had been obliged to remain behind in Quebec while the father and several small children proceeded to Saskatchewan. Inside a big, red quilt lay the daintiest baby. Evidently good friends had been met in Quebec. This mother was given a bag filled with baby supplies.

"Last winter two Swedish women, one of whom could speak not a word of English, came to the worker with their difficulty. They were going to Manitoba and their tickets were not for the same railway line. They did not have enough money with them to buy the extra ticket, so the worker loaned them what was required. With the return of the money, came a note in which the writer said: 'It was God who sent you to us that day'."

*Baby's diapers, booties, pillows eighteen by twelve, and small quilts, puzzles —pictures pasted on cardboard and then cut into various shapes—or anything else to amuse children on the train, flannelette bloomers for children three to four years' old.

MISSION BANDS

Programme for October

RHYME OF THE MITE-BOX*

A penny a mile
And, after a while,
Your friendship will reach
To the farthest isle.

FLY HIGH the Union Jack for to-day your ship approaches another part of the great British Commonwealth, far-distant India, a land rich in adventure. Listen, while Dr. Wilkie, a Brave Adventurer of our Church bids you welcome, introducing one of India's own children.

GRACEBAI AND HER THREE DOGGIES

"Gracebai—I want you all to know Gracebai, one of the finest Jhansi Christians; a real Mother in Israel, more loved than probably any of us by a host of little lassies and by some, now mothers in their own homes. Just look at her photograph and you will see what a wise, wee woman she is.

"She was married when about five years old and was taken soon to the home of her mother-in-law, though she was allowed to attend the school of Miss White, one of the finest missionaries our Church has had in India. There, she learned especially to appreciate Christianity and the missionaries. Her husband was a very cruel man and, when Gracebai was about ten years old, he abused her so that she ran away to Miss White for protection. When the Judge tried the case, he felt compelled to say she must return to her husband, but Gracebai solved the difficulty by informing him that she would sooner jump into the nearest well. The Judge advised the husband to let her go as he could easily get another wife, and so she was taken by Miss White.

"Some years afterwards, one of our famine boys, then a worker, declared he needed somebody 'to cook his food', meaning a wife. Miss White was appealed to and sent Gracebai. Doulat and Gracebai had a happy married life, but he died after about two years. She was very sad, but became a co-worker with Miss Bessie Wilkie, giving her whole strength and time to the care of the little girls in the 'Jean Stevenson Brown Memorial Home', where she has proved a real mother to the children.

"Everything about the Home is so clean and tidy. The children make their own food and clothes, beside all kinds of fancywork, sewing, bead-making, papermache work, etc. They have their regular school hours, but also time for play. Few children in India know how to laugh and still fewer of them ever know what it is to play. If you were to go down to the Home at playhour, you would hear their loud peals of laughter as they swing around the giant stride, the gift of Mrs. Forbes of Toronto, and see as happy a crowd as you would find at home. Again, if you could come with me when they are holding their prayer meetings, and listen, without them knowing of your presence, to their simple, direct yet sincere petitions, you would be glad. But now we must leave them with Gracebai and hear the rest another time."

Suggested order of service.—Opening Hymn.—"We have heard a joyful sound, Jesus saves!" Bible Lesson—Psalm 91. Prayer—in which India is especially remembered. Business. Roll Call. Offering. Lesson for the day—"Brave Adventurers," chapter 2. Closing Hymn—"Father, lead me day by day."

*Mission Bands organized under the W.M.S. of the Presbyterian Church in Canada will be provided with mite-boxes on request. Postage only being charged. Apply to, Miss Jessie Parsons, 103 Harland Smith Building, Bay and Adelaide Sts., Toronto 2.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

British Columbia.—Penticton Aux.

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PROVINCIAL NEWS

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. D. A. SMITH, 175 10TH AVE. W., VANCOUVER, PRESS SECRETARY

THE FIRST British Columbia Provincial meeting of our re-organized Society was successful beyond our expectations. Although it was holiday time, over one hundred representative women from the city and surrounding districts met in Fairview Church, on July 24th, to hear the report of the President, Mrs. Henry Pillar, and the delegates to the Congress. Each speaker, in turn, voiced the wonderful spirit of optimism which pervaded the meeting, and the determination to go forward in faith under the old Presbyterian banner.

In response to a letter from Miss MacMurchy, it was decided to send all money on hand to headquarters at the earliest opportunity. The funds will be handled by Mrs. J. Herd, 235-10th Ave. W., Vancouver, until further notice. Two Life Memberships were received, one from Mrs. Donald McLeod, the other from Mrs. Geo. Ellis.

A roll-call of Auxiliaries showed that there were representatives present from most of the Societies, and there is a good prospect of several new Auxiliaries when small minority groups in the interior have completed their organization.

An animated discussion took place re the relationship of the W.M.S. to the C.G.I.T., and the necessity for a young people's organizer being appointed. The question will be thoroughly discussed at the next Provincial Board meeting.

Great pleasure was expressed by the members at the prospect of so many new fields of missionary endeavor being available.

After a brief word from the Provincial Press Secretary on the necessity for publicity at this critical time, an appeal was made for a Press Secretary in every Auxiliary.

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A new missionary extension campaign has been inaugurated in Robertson Church, Vancouver. The church district has been divided into four sections, and in each an Auxiliary is to be formed after a complete survey has been made by a special committee. These district Auxiliaries will meet once a month, and a combined meeting will be held once a month in the church. In addition to this, a woman's prayer meeting is to be held every Thursday afternoon. There is to be no membership fee, but a general expense fund from which such sums shall be taken. Every woman in the congregation is expected to become a member of the W.M.S., by signing a simple statement subscribing to the Bible command "Go ye ....."

Other churches are awaiting the outcome of the campaign with a great deal of interest.

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The Women's Association of Mount Pleasant Church, Vancouver, the largest minority group in British Columbia, decided at the last meeting to form a W.M.S. There are about fifty enthusiastic members, and plans are already under way for aggressive missionary work.

The women of Central Church, Vancouver, another large minority group, are also planning to organize a W.M.S. In this church about fifty mite-boxes were distributed recently. At the first gathering over eighty dollars were received.

MANITOBA

Organization Meeting of Provincial W.M.S.

Mrs. Digby Wheeler

THE LAST session of the meeting of Manitoba Synod, held in Old Kildonan Church, July 23, 1925, took the form of an organization meeting for a Provincial Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Old Kildonan Church was well-filled with delegates from many points throughout the province, and 126 women signed as charter members.

Mrs. F. A. Robson presided, and the meeting opened promptly at 8 p.m. with the singing of Psalm 86, "All people that on earth do dwell."

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. J. S. Hutchison, and Mrs. G. H. Laurie, of Norwood. Mrs. Hutchison read the fifteenth chapter of John and in her comments on the passage stressed the verse "Love one another". "Let us go forward in love. Love to Christ overflowing in love to man, wins souls." Mrs. Hutchison concluded by quoting a beautiful passage from Henry Drummond's *The Greatest Thing in the World.*

Mrs. G. H. Laurie offered prayer. On conclusion of the devotional exercises Mrs. Robt. McBeth of Old Kildonan welcomed the delegates. "Many here to-night were present when Winnipeg Presbyterial was organized," she said. "One of the first Auxiliaries to be formed was Old Kildonan. The memory of the past joined with the new inspiration and energy of this present time, will enable us to do greater and better work than ever before."

Mrs. A. M. Fraser, Winnipeg, spoke on her *Missionary Memories.* Mrs. Fraser was in Winnipeg in 1883, the year before the first Presbyterian W.M.S. was formed in Winnipeg. She had been impressed then with the missionary spirit of western women, who were quiet yet untiring in their devotion and service to the cause of our Master. The same spirit will enable us to face the future with courage and enthusiasm. Mrs. Fraser

read inspiring words which had been written by John Black, James Nesbit and James Robertson, those great missionary pioneers of the West whose "beloved dust" rests in Old Kildonan churchyard.

The next address was given by Mrs. A. Andison, Winnipeg, who had recently returned from the great Pre-Assembly Congress and W.M.S. gathering held in Toronto in connection with our Continuing Presbyterian Church. "The Toronto meetings were a mountain of experience," said Mrs. Andison, and the story of those days would be told for years to come in the lives of men and women. In the various addresses, certain loud notes were reiterated; "the family altar," the teaching of God's word and the Shorter Catechism, "the keeping of the Sabbath day," were phrases heard again and again. The greatest need of this present hour is deeper consecration.

Mrs. James Henderson of Brandon then placed before the members of Synod the necessity for planning an adequate programme for the Young People, and urged that the Christian Endeavor be restored as it provided the best possible training. She also pleaded that our Presbyterian Church stand fast on the principle of voluntary giving.

Mrs. A. Polson, on behalf of all the women present who wished to honor their beloved fellow-worker, gave to Mrs. H. A. Robson a bouquet of roses which she most graciously received. In the course of her remarks Mrs. Robson gave an admirable summary of the work undertaken by the W.M.S. women at the Annual Meeting in Toronto.

In order to help in the accomplishment of such a great task, it seemed advisable to have the women of Manitoba organized as early as possible. The Constitution, as prepared by the Council Executive and adopted by the Toronto meeting, was read adopted. Mrs. Digby Wheeler brought in the resolutions and Mrs. A. Anderson presented the report of the Nominating Committee. The result of the election appears on page 36.

The newly elected officers then took their places at the front of the church and Rev. Robt. Patterson, Moderator of Synod, offered prayer.

The President, Mrs. Hutchison, in taking office spoke feelingly of the high honor conferred upon her.

Rev. J. Raulson conveyed the greetings of Synod to the W.M.S. and wished the Society highest success.

The Moderator then adjourned the Synod and closed with the benediction.

A Message of Cheer from Manitoba

"WE ARE away with a *great start* and wonderful enthusiasm, and hope that when all the Societies are organized through the province that the results will be greater service among many new as well as old workers, and also a new spirit and greater harvest."

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"And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God." Luke 8:1.

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

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Editorial

GRATITUDE FOR GREAT EVENTS, for a bountiful harvest, for the fruits of the garden and the gold of the mine, almost invariably form the theme of Thanksgiving messages. This year, a poem by Oxenham has impelled us to speak of the ordinary things for which we should thank God, and to ask that, as we approach our Thank-offering festival "with hearts strangely responsive and enfranchised eyes," we will raise our *Te Deum* for those things which we sometimes, in ignorance, term commonplace.

Let us thank God.—For all that is beautiful, good and true; for light aid air; for ears to hear, and eyes to see, and "hearts to apprehend God everywhere."

Let us thank Him.—For the wonders of the world; for days wherein to labor, and for nights wherein to rest; for work to do, and strength to do our work.

Let us thank Him.—For the ever-recurring mystery of life out of death; "for every wondrous thing that greens and grows;" for mist and dew and rain and snow; for cool refreshing winds and "purifying storms."

Let us thank Him.—"For parentage, kinship, sonship, friendship, brotherhood of men — one Father — one great family"; for children's laughter, and for childhood's faith and all it teaches us of God.

Let us thank Him.—For doubts that led us to far greater trust; for love that fought and faith that vanquished, and for freedom—our great heritage; for sorrow with its "fruit of nobler life," for gain in what seemed loss; for friends above; for friends below and the rare invisible links that lie between; and for the wide open avenue of prayer resplendent with His glorious promises.

Let us thank Him.—For the highest token of His love—Jesus Christ His only Son; for His gracious life, His ennoblement of labor—"nails well driven and work well done," for His pure life and sacrificial death.

Let us thank Him.—"For faith and works and gentle charity; for all that brings light to the darkened corners of the earth," and for every open window of the soul; for confidence in God; for hightier hopes, because of what we know, and most of all, for the great hope of likeness to our Lord, Divine, "when hope shall end in glorious certainty."

THIS YEAR, 1925, marks the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the first printing of the New Testament in the English language. This was a

translation by William Tindale, and the event is of such importance that it is being commemorated over practically the whole English speaking world. The commemoration by the Upper Canada Bible Society which is one of the auxiliaries of the British and Foreign Bible Society, is to be held in Massey Hall, Toronto, on September 30th at 8.15 p.m. and will be addressed by the Rev. Robt. E. Speer, D.D., of New York, one of the outstanding speakers of the American continent.

The meeting will be broadcasted for the benefit of those outside Toronto and, in fact, in many towns and cities from Halifax West they are arranging for loud speakers in some public place so that the whole meeting will be heard by large congregations.

No other organization known to us begins to accomplish such a work as does the British and Foreign Bible Society and its Auxiliaries. Its record, for 1924, includes the circulation of over ten million copies of the Scriptures; the support of about one thousand colporteurs and Bible women who carry the spoken and printed word into many of the highways and byways of the world; the supplying of over thirty thousand missionaries of almost every Evangelical Denomination, with Scriptures, translated and printed in the language of the people with whom the missionary is working, and in addition to this, nearly six hundred translations of the Scriptures have been circulated by this Society and fully as many more will be required.

Our Presbyterian School Home in New Liskeard has been formally opened. Already eight girls and one boy are in residence, and letters tell of others who are coming. The success that has already attended this undertaking is very gratifying, and the Council Executive feels that this is due, in a very large measure, to Rev. J. A. MacInnes who made the Home known by means of wise advertising, and also to the help of the ladies of New Liskeard, up to the coming of Miss McIlwain. The idea of opening this Home was, that it would be a valuable asset to the life of our Church in Northern Ontario. This it undoubtedly will be, if our members continue to sustain it by their interest and prayers.

Miss Laura K. Pelton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Pelton, of Westmount, Que., has been appointed Field Secretary, her duties to begin in October, on her return from the Student Conference at Elgin House, Muskoka. Her itinerary is being arranged by Ontario Provincial Society. This work is not new to Miss Pelton, she having done deputation work in the interests of Pointe-aux-Trembles Schools, P. Q., and also for Quebec Provincial. Miss Pelton is giving her services without salary and we would follow her with our earnest prayers as she carries her message of inspiration and cheer to our Auxiliaries and Bands.

NO ONE HOLDS A WARMER PLACE in the hearts of our W.M.S. women than Mrs. F. H. Ross, Corresponding Secretary for Ontario Provincial, and widespread regret will be felt when it is known that she has sustained injury through a fall, which will confine her to bed for some time. Although laid aside, her interest in her work never ceases, and our prayer is, that the service she is rendering in spite of suffering and weakness will be abundantly blessed, and that God will speedily restore her to her former strength.

WE REGRET TO ANNOUNCE that Mrs. Adam Ballantyne, President of Ontario Provincial Society, has had to resign on account of circumstances over which she had no control. Her disappointment at being unable to continue in office will be shared equally by all the members. Mrs. J. A. Milne, first Vice-President, has consented to carry on the work in the meantime, and we know every assistance that can be accorded her will be willingly given.

IN SENDING IN THE NAMES of newly elected officers, would Secretaries please include their addresses. We would also ask that they verify initials and street addresses and so prevent any possibility of mistakes and consequent corrections.

WANTED FOR MISSIONARY SERVICE in India—Two young women, one a qualified teacher, the other an evangelist with some teaching or medical experience. Apply to Mrs. D. Inglis Grant, Candidate Secretary of the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society, 66 Woodlawn Ave. West, Toronto 5, Ontario.

Statement From The Treasurer

UP TO August 31st, the receipts amounted to $8,804.96, expenditures to $7,087.01, leaving a balance of $1,717.95. In the November number of *The Glad Tidings*, a detailed statement will be published of the expenditures of the Society from June 10, 1925, the date of the re-organization of our W.M.S., to September 31, 1925.

Arrangements are almost completed for the setting aside of ten per cent. of the monthly receipts as a sustaining fund, as resolved by our annual meeting in June.

(MRS. R. C.) S. B. DONALD,
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Our School Home at New Liskeard

THE DREAM of years has at last come true, and to our Presbyterian W.M.S. falls the honor of being the first missionary organization to open a School Home in Northern Ontario.

The Home, which is located in New Liskeard, is an attractive two and a half story white brick building. It has a nice lawn at the front and side, and is almost directly opposite our Presbyterian Church and manse.

Inside, on the ground floor, is the hall, matron's sitting-room, large living and dining room, kitchen, pantry, back hall and cloak room.

Upstairs, is the hall, matron's bed room, six large rooms and two bath rooms, and on the top floor, one large dormitory.

There are four verandahs, two on the front of the house and two at the side. The matron's sitting and bed rooms look out on the former, the large upper balcony on the side, which is open, affords splendid space for sunning and airing the bedding.

The basement is full size, has a good furnace, and soft water tank, and, best of all, the winter's coal is in the bin, being included in the purchase price.

The Home is equipped with hot water heating and electric light, has hardwood floors throughout, and is bright and cheery.

The purchase price was $7,700.00 of which the half, $3,850.00 was paid when the house was taken. The other half must be paid in six months.

Toronto Presbyterial undertook the furnishing of the matron's sitting room and bed room; the furnishing for the balance of the Home was met almost entirely by contributions from Ontario, and we would like to express our gratitude for the generous response in the face of very short notice, which indicates the spirit of our women and augurs well for the future success of the Home. Other provinces would have helped willingly had time allowed us to make a wider appeal.

The Home is under the care of Miss Marjorie McIlwain, formerly matron of our School Home in Prince George, B.C. The official opening has already taken place, and the service of dedication will be held in the Home by the Presbytery of Timiskaming at its next meeting.

We believe that this Home will prove a real contribution to our Church, and we earnestly commend it to the prayers and interest of our members.

A Home Away from Home

OPENING OF THE PRESBYTERIAN SCHOOL HOME AT NEW LISKEARD

MRS. W. N. MACDONALD

MISS MARJORIE MCILWAIN

THE NEW School Home at New Liskeard, Ontario, was officially opened on Saturday afternoon, August 29th, 1925, under the capable direction of Miss Marjorie McIlwain, formerly Matron of the School Home in Prince George, B.C.

The opening took the form of a reception to all who might be in any way interested in this new undertaking of the W.M.S. That the interest was general, was evidenced by the large number who came during the afternoon, a goodly proportion of whom were of other denominations, but all were interested and wished us every success.

Members of the Junior Mission Band attended the door, while the tea room was ably served by members of the Senior Mission Band. Mrs. S. C. MacDonald, President of the New Liskeard Auxiliary, assisted by other members, received the guests and introduced Miss McIlwain.

Masses of flowers added a very bright and homelike touch to the beautiful furnishings and large airy rooms, and made one feel it was truly "a home, away from home".

One point well worth noticing was that the work of the W.M.S. in establishing this Home at this time, interests the men equally with the women of our Church and community, there being a number of men among our visitors, all of whom were most favorably impressed with the arrangements made for the comfort and care of the pupils who will reside here. A few of those present were from points in old Ontario. They were most anxious to see everything so that they might tell those who, unfortunately, could not be with us, just how things were being handled.

Of particular interest to the local members, was a visit on the opening day, from two former pupils of the Prince George Home, who are now on their way West, accompanied by their parents, after a vacation spent at different points in Ontario. This visit brings before us in a realistic manner the esteem in which Miss McIlwain is held by her former pupils and their parents.

After partaking of the many good things provided in the tea room,

the guests were taken through the building. The rooms are all bright, and everything is so nice and fresh, that impressions could not fail to be of the best. In addition to all this, each part of the Home is equipped with an upper and lower balcony, which adds to the comfort of the pupils, there is also a large lawn with beautiful shade trees in front, affording a place for play, and, at the back, an excellent garden, where a great many things may be grown for future use on the tables. The general impression was that had the Home been built purposely, it could not have been more suitably planned.

Nine pupils are in residence, eight girls and one boy.

The Gwalior Mission, India

Rev. John Wilkie, D.D.

Extracts from his address at the recent Annual Meeting of our W.M.S.

WHEN I left India I had the impression that I was the one black sheep in the flock, that in coming home I would have almost no missionary company. Soon after arrival I came in touch with Dr. Goforth. That made two of us. But when I came to the Assembly, one after the other came and spoke to me and so last night we reported that there were forty-four missionaries who are still remaining with the Presbyterian Church. But you know, the longer I am here the more I learn that I am wrong in my figures. There are very many more. Just hold on for a little longer.

But you want facts. In regard to our field, we are located in what I regard as one of the most strategic centres that we could have for missionary work among the people of Central India. Central India is a large oval containing eighty-seven different native states. To the west, north and south are a number of native states for whose welfare we ought to be responsible. These are largely to-day untouched. You know the fight we had in Central India for the first five years of our existence, 1879-84. You also know the difficulties missionaries in Central India are having to-day. They cannot secure land because the princes are so largely opposed to us and our work. But right down through Central India there is a little narrow strip of British territory dividing Central India in two. Jhansi is the largest city in that district, containing some 72,000 inhabitants. It is the largest railway centre in all that part, largely because of its peculiar situation right in the heart of these native states. In that narrow section we have all the rights and privileges of the British Government. We can carry on our work just as freely as you can here in the Dominion of Canada. Not only that, but we can reach out to all parts of these native

states. Our village of Bronsonpura is situated right on the boundary between the British territory and Datia state. You can go in almost any direction and within five miles you are in one of the native states. We have Christians in some of these.

In this great unoccupied field there are millions of souls who have never had a chance, or heard a missionary's voice. Although we think we are doing something and trying to cover the field, when we reach about 400 villages during the year, but what are these to the thousands as yet unoccupied.

Then again, what is our plan? When we went to Jhansi in 1904 we had practically nothing. We did not have the Church at our back. We had no workers, no Christians, no home, and we did not know where we were going to settle. We were asked by the American Presbyterian missionaries to take up the field to the west and south-west of Jhansi. For the first year we were obliged to live for part of the time in the home of an American Presbyterian missionary brother, Rev. Dr. Henry Forman. For a whole year we prayed for guidance, and for what we thought we needed. At last, one day, a Brahmin said, "I have here ten acres of land I want to sell. I am getting nothing for it. The man who has been cultivating it does not pay me." Needless to say it was not long before that deed was registered. Then I went on registering deed after deed. I believe that Christ Himself was opening up the way before us, so that within a couple of years we had obtained over 100 acres of land that only cost us a little over $1,000. We could rent every acre we have there and get in as a yearly revenue, twice the sum we paid for it in the first place. Then in addition, I was able recently to buy twenty-five acres more.

We have been permitted to build a bungalow for ourselves, a double story bungalow for the lady missionaries, the school for girls and boys. We have there all the room we need, or that those following us will need for many years to come.

I consider we have there the finest missionary compound in the whole of North India in size. We have 120 acres right in the city. It is becoming more valuable every day. We have some 1600 acres in our farm land. We have also all the buildings just now that I have referred to, and a plant in a measure working. When the W.M.S. kindly sent us Miss Caswell, we felt very much cheered that she was able to come in with us. At first she was prepared to remain with us in the Presbyterian Church, but later decided to join the United Church.

Miss Baxter from the first declared that she was entering the United Church. That means that we will, in all probability, be without young ladies to look after the women and girls. This has been a keen disappointment. We will be glad if the W.M.S. could let us have at least two young women to help on with this work. One young woman will have her hands

full and more than full with the school, and the other in looking after the outside work.

An important aim we keep before us is to build up our Indian Christians. Therefore, in our schools for girls and boys we teach such subjects as we believe will help them in their Christian life. Another fact we have learned as the result of our past experience is, that where you bring girls or boys into a boarding school and give them food or clothing free of cost, you are very apt to pauperize them. Every girl and boy must learn to pay his way. They have no money of their own, so we have them do work that will be of use to them in later years, and we pay them for what they do.

We have in our field over sixteen hundred baptized Christians. That means amongst them are over one thousand girls and boys. The parents have no money to send them to school, and yet they want education. By paying them for the work they do, we enable them to pay their own way,—so we will have the parents sending in their children to us.

We are trying to produce self-supporting missionary Christians. One illustration will suffice to show with what success.

About four or five years ago a young fellow came to us. Having nothing, we started him with a native plough and yoke of oxen. He was, like most of them, a cringing, fearful, timid fellow. To-day, we have a self-reliant, thoughtful, independent, manly fellow, not perfect by any means, but growing in the best sense of the term. He is a power in the community; a man who lives his Christianity; and, because he has made good in his farm work, he is looked up to by the Hindu people round about him and when, therefore, he goes among them, to preach, he can do it with a power largely wanting amongst the ordinary workers. He began with nothing. To-day he has money in the bank and is an outstanding character in this, that he is one of the few farmers that has succeeded.

He is anxious to have a Church, but from the first I have maintained that Churches must be built by the people themselves, and the young man has been raising money to build their own Church and has already on hand two-thirds of the entire cost.

Again and again when there was no crop within miles of our village, of millet or food grain of the people, he and the Indian Christians following his example would have a bumper crop.

The commissioner and collector on visiting the farm with us, expressed their surprise and pleasure as they contrasted a field cultivated in the old way, in which there was not enough to pay for the seed, with the fields of the Christians that had a fine full crop and remarked, "If this system could be generally adopted it would largely end the famines or famine conditions that prevailed there owing to the irregular rainfall." This young man is a leader in developing this work in the villages about us

and so is helping to uplift this farming community which represents ninety-five per cent. of the people there.

Our people in India appreciate all you have done for them. The good cheer I have received since my return home will rejoice them just as much as it has cheered me. Thank you for permitting me to speak of my work and may all success attend the W.M.S. in their endeavors.

Prayer

O LOVING Father, our Creator and Giver of every good and perfect gift, we bring to Thee our thanksgiving prayer. We thank Thee for our peaceful land and bountiful harvest, for our Church and all the way Thou hast led her, for our Society and for the wonderful women raised up all over our Church, who have come forward to fill our broken ranks. What shall we render unto the Lord for all His benefits? How shall we show forth our love to Thee? We would pay our vows now, in the presence of all the people. We would more fully surrender our lives to Thee, we would live nearer to Thee, we would drink more deeply from the fountain springs of Thy love and would bring to Thee tithes of all we possess, our time, talents and money. O, Father, touch each woman in our Church with a live coal from off Thy altar so that every heart may become a living altar on which may be offered loving gifts of service and sacrifice, so that all may know Thee as their Divine Redeemer. Amen.

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Any further information regarding this department will be gladly supplied by Miss Pringle, Library Secretary of the Council Executive, 30 Lowther Ave., Toronto 6.

MISSION BANDS

Suggested Programme for November

BASED ON STUDY BOOK, "BRAVE ADVENTURERS"

Thanksgiving Prayer

OUR Heavenly Father, Who art also Lord of the Harvest, what shall we, Thy children, bring to Thee at this season of Thanksgiving to show our gratitude? We have not fields rich with golden grain, nor trees laden with fruit; nor flocks, nor herds which we may sacrifice. What have we that is ours to give? We have ourselves, feet ready to follow, hands willing to serve, minds anxious to learn and hearts eager to love. May we gladly make this offering to Thee who first loved us, and do Thou graciously accept it in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

As the Brave Adventurers journey from country to country, they can not fail to note those who have gone before them. So they may come in touch with the work of Count Zinzendorf about whom they have read in Chapter 3 of their study book, the little boy who grew up to serve God in the forests of Saxony much as the child Samuel ministered unto the Lord before Eli in the temple at Shiloh. And this they may know as a sign representing the Moravian Brotherhood. On the walls of their places of worship may still be found wood carvings which roughly picture an altar, an ox and a plough, the ox standing in the centre of the group. Underneath are cut the words, "Ready for Either", meaning sacrifice or service.

Does not the motto of those early missionaries led by Count Zinzendorf hold good to-day?

Order of meeting.—Opening Hymn—"When Mothers of Salem." Bible Lesson—Ps. 103. Prayer. Roll Call and Offering. Hymn—"Thine are all the gifts O God." Lesson for the day—*Brave Adventurers*, Chapter 3. National Anthem.

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

STUDY BOOK—"PRAYER AND MISSIONS"

THE aim of Chapter III is "to set forth the primacy of prayer as the method of missionary advance; to show that prayer as a matter of fact has preceded every great missionary advance; to urge the continued necessity of prayer in the prosecution of the great enterprise of the Kingdom."

The following simple programme for busy people has been suggested by Helen B. Montgomery:

BIBLE READING. Ephesians III. 14-21.

PRAYER FOR VARIOUS DENOMINATIONS, for missions, for unity of spirit.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF CHAPTER, by Leader, pp. 75-77.

SYMPOSIUM BY DENOMINATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES, who show how the whole Church of Christ shared in the missionary enthusiasm born of prayer. Facts given in the book may be supplemented by data from denominational sources, pp. 77-83.

THE HAYSTACK PRAYER MEETING. A paper.

THE AWAKENING OF THE WOMEN. Let six or seven women, representing the great denominational missionary societies tell how their society was organized.

EXAMPLES OF BELIEVING PRAYER, pp. 77-100.

UNITED READING. Let leader repeat paragraphs 2 or 3, p. 100 and one of p. 101, following which, the entire Society repeats together Ephesians 3:20, 21.

C. G. I. T.

Suggested Programme for November

THE Harvest Home is the high time of the year when the accumulated wealth of fields, orchards and vineyards bespeak the bounty of nature, the labor of man and the love of God. Then our land seems good, and gratitude is felt to those who have made it so, the *Nation Builders*, to use the title of Dr. J. Lovell Murray's new study book. At such a time, therefore, it is suggested that tribute be paid to some of the builders whose heroism and devotion shine back across the expanse of time to light our way. Can not these women of the past be represented at the November meeting, whatever form it may take, banquet, social hour or work meeting? Guests in spirit they may be as they

live again in the toasts given, scenes enacted or stories read. There are so many from whom to choose, Elizabeth Mitchell* and Helen Bone*, pioneer nurses to the Yukon; Mrs. McShane* who carried the torch of the W.M.S. to the prairies of Saskatchewan; Lucy Baker†, a teacher to the Indians of the "Great Lone Land"; Madame Feller* whose work still goes on in the institutions founded by her in Southern Quebec; Agnes Sorrel Forbes†, the wife of a Home Missionary in Grand Prairie, and others familiar to the districts in which they labored. Surely an evening spent in such company would long prove a Thanksgiving in memory.

* *Nation Builders*, J. Lovell Murray.
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PROVINCIAL NEWS

BRITISH COLUMBIA

WESMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL was re-organized in the "Fairview Presbyterian Church" on Friday, September 4th. The Provincial President, Mrs. Pillar, presided. The Nomination Committee submitted a list of officers. Their report was adopted, and the officers were installed by Mrs. Pillar. (For list see page 55). The Executive will elect the district Vice-Presidents in October and also appoint standing committees.

In the absence of the Life Membership Secretary, Mrs. Wyllie of Kamloops, Mrs. W. J. White reported that four Life Members had been received from Vancouver during the past month.

Mrs. James Herd, Mrs. Hugh Fraser and Mrs. W. W. MacGregor were appointed the Presbyterial delegates to the Presbytery.

Wesminster P.S., the Fairview Auxiliary of the W.M.S., Vancouver, was organized Aug. 31st by the Provincial President, Mrs. H. Pillar. There was a good attendance. Ten officers were elected.

Important Notice

Will any Auxiliary or individual who knows of needy cases where quilts, Christmas boxes, or any kind of emergency supplies, layettes, etc., would be welcome please communicate as soon as possible with the Provincial Supply Secretary, Mrs. R. B. McGill, 2098-41st Ave. W., Vancouver, B.C.

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On September 11th, a very large meeting of the Provincial Executive was held. As the Winnipeg Presbyterial will not be organized until the beginning of the year, all Auxiliaries are requested to send any monies to our Provincial Treasurer, Mrs. R. W. McGee, 120 Arlington St., Winnipeg.

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"And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God." Luke 8:1.

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

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Editorial

"NO BOOK THAT EVER WAS PRINTED has had an influence so profound, so universal, and so enduring over all races of British blood as the English Bible. Their conceptions of the sublimest and most sacred truths, their morals, their politics, their public and their private habits of thought, their manners which are the reflection of these things, their literature which presents and embodies them, their daily conversation, in unnumbered homely acts and words, have been framed upon it and colored by it, consciously and unconsciously. . . . . It is impossible to imagine what they would have been, what their growth and their development would have been without this influence, constant as the air they breathe, and not less needful to their full national life. The English Bible is the work of many minds who built it up under the changing vicissitudes of nearly a hundred years. But it was the mind of William Tindale who set upon it the seal of its incomparable beauties. Our whole speech is soaked in it. We think it and speak it hourly without remembering whence the apt and homely phrases or the eloquence loftier far than that of our common thoughts is derived. It is the daily food of the wise and of the simple, of the sage and of the little child. To have endowed hundreds of millions with such a book through centuries past and centuries to come is a very wonderful achievement, and to William Tindale more than to any other man the chief glory of this achievement belongs." In these great words *The Times*, in an article on June 30, 1925, reprinted in "The Bible in the World", pays tribute to William Tindale, the first translator from the original languages into English, of the New Testament.

In an unknown home in Gloucestershire, in 1484, William Tindale was born. He was educated at Oxford and Cambridge. In 1522, he sought the aid of the Bishop of London in his project of giving the people the Scriptures in their own vernacular, but without success, so he crossed to the continent. He began his momentous work at Hamburg, but persecution forced him to go to the town of Cologne, where a primitive printing press turned out some of the first copies in English of the New Testament. When his project became known it was looked upon as a political and religious offence, and he had to flee to Worms, where he continued his translation. Eleven years after the octavo edition was printed, Tindale was betrayed to his enemies, imprisoned in Brussels for eighteen months,

and, on Oct. 6, 1536, strangled and burned at the stake, "his only offence being the translation of the Scriptures." His work, however, was done, and a year later a Bible was placed in every church in England by order of the king.

In Massey Hall, Toronto, on Sept. 30th, these stirring facts were recalled at a gathering which filled the building with men and women anxious to commemorate with English speaking people the world round, the four hundredth anniversary of this unique event. Dr. Robert E. Speer, Secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions in the United States, was the speaker and gave a masterly address. He expressed the opinion that to-day people too easily forget their obligations to the dead and stated that "Our acts are required to complete and fulfil the great things the past began." Tindale, he declared, had made a deeper mark on the English language, life and thought than any other man who had ever lived. He was a product of the universities. It was out of the universities that the English Bible came. "Are our universities still the fountain of our religious and spiritual influence?" Dr. Speer inquired. Whether that is true or not it ought to be true to-day, and there will come a time when it will be true again. "You cannot bring it back by coercion or ecclesiastical manipulation. It will be brought back only as Christian men find their ranks in the foremost scholarship and fill the places in our generation that William Tindale filled in his."

Despite the disputes that wage in these days regarding the Bible, Dr. Speer averred that it would take care of itself in the present century as it did in the sixteenth. "If it is the Word of God it will demonstrate itself to be the Word of God." What we need to-day is a rebirth of the preaching of the Bible in the world, and of the teaching of the Bible in the homes and schools of the land. Our churches might pass into a greater day, if we would reopen our English Bible and let it speak to our hearts and through them to the world. Are we going to keep faith with the dead? "We have a tryst to keep with those who lie asleep."

Miss Caroline Macdonald, LL.D., whose address, given at our Annual Meeting, appears in this issue has received many honors. The latest was the bestowal upon her of the degree of Doctor of Laws by her alma mater —The University of Toronto. In presenting the degree, Principal Hutton, acting President, said: "If any follow her they will not win it in a field more honorable or more feminine. She has won the right to be here by her life-work as a missionary." In extending its congratulations to Dr. Macdonald our W.M.S. is glad to announce that it is making a grant towards her educational work for factory girls in Tokio, Japan.

MISS AGNES I. DICKSON has left to do deputation work in Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan. She will also assist in the organization of Societies. On her return an interesting piece of work awaits her, for she has been appointed Superintendent of the Chinese Children's Sunday School at Cooke's Church, Toronto.

WE ARE BUILDING UP THE SLIDE DEPARTMENT AGAIN, and have ready for use a very attractive set of pictures of our Presbyterian School Home at New Liskeard,—the first School Home to be opened in Northern Ontario. Other slides are being added, showing Mrs. McKenzie's work among the children at the Presbyterian All People's Mission, Gonor, Man. We are prepared to go on with this department if there is a demand for the pictures. The slides can be obtained from the Head Office, 103 Harland Smith Bldg., 320 Bay St., Toronto 2, the sender to pay carriage both ways.

NEW LIFE AND JUNIOR membership pins and certificates are now ready. Apply for certificates to the Provincial Life Membership Secretary. For prices of pins see page 76.

WE ANNOUNCE WITH DEEP REGRET the resignation from the Council and Council Executive of Mrs. T. Wardlaw Taylor, the efficient Recording Secretary. The excellence of the service Mrs. Taylor rendered both the Provisional Board and the Council Executive was aptly expressed by the President when she said, "We may get as good a Secretary to take Mrs. Taylor's place, but we shall never get a better."

In token of the affection and esteem in which Mrs. Taylor is held by her co-workers, they presented her with a handsome leather week-end suit case and one of our new Life Membership pins. The prayers and good wishes of all the members will, we know, follow Mrs. Taylor as she takes up her work in Vancouver where she and Dr. Taylor are to be established.

IT IS WITH PLEASURE that we introduce to our readers *The Presbyterian Message*, the official organ of the W.M.S. (E.D.). It is a monthly paper, and the first number appeared in July. Mrs. Macnab, for many years Editor of *The Message* has been appointed Editor, and knowing her ability and wide knowledge we feel satisfied that the paper will be a worthy means of communication between the Board and the branches. We commend it to the interest of our members. Subscriptions 25c. a year may be sent to Mrs. W. L. Harper, Treasurer, Springfield Ave., Armdale, Halifax Co., N. S.

SUBSCRIPTIONS WILL BE RECEIVED for the *Missionary Review of the World*, $2.25 per year, club rates; *Everyland*, $1.50, and any other missionary magazines which may be desired.

A New Avenue of Service in Japan

MISS CAROLINE MACDONALD, LL.D., TOKIO

Extracts from an address at the Annual Meeting of our W.M.S.

CAROLINE MACDONALD
LL.D., TOKIO

IN introducing her subject, Dr. Macdonald thanked the members of the W.M.S. for their co-operation in her work during the last five years. She then briefly outlined the circumstances which led her to leave the Y.W.C.A. and engage in work among the prisoners and their families. Continuing, she told how, as a result of the earthquake, she came into touch with the labor movement in Japan as such.

"Last summer," she said, "a strike occurred in a factory near our settlement, and we were asked to care for one hundred and fifty girls who were on strike so that they would not get into trouble. For fifty-three days we entertained these girls, though quite neutral on the merits of the strike. We were only too glad to give the working people the facilities we could offer in order that we might talk things over. During this time we had classes and taught them to knit, paying them for the work they did. We had practically fifty-three days of summer school.

The strike was settled amicably, and although appointed a commissioner in the settlement, I was not responsible for the satisfactory outcome, yet the police gave the mission credit for helping to settle it.

As a result of the fifty-three days of schooling, a request came that we have a continuation—or night school—to which the factory girls could come. As we make it a practice never to turn down a request that comes to us, we started a night school on April 1st. We had an attendance of from thirty to sixty girls, representing ten to twelve factories in our neighborhood, and that number has increased to over one hundred.

During the winter we felt that we ought to have government recognition, so we issued certificates to the girls for the amount of work they did, in order that they could get reduced fares on the street cars allowed to students. After examination of our plant and enquiry into our trust funds permission was granted to issue certificates.

The problem of the factory women was the worst problem we had. Most of them lived in dormitories attached to the factory, and, until recent factory laws were passed, the girls who lived in the factories, practically belonged to the management, body and soul. The great problem was how to reach these girls spiritually, and in any other way except through the management. It is very hard to do this. So long as we do not interfere with their rules, we are welcomed by the management, but if they find out we are after the girls spiritually, we are soon told politely but firmly by the management that we are no longer needed. I have never yet entered a factory through permission of the management. We feel that the night school, though small as yet, will do real Christian work among the factory girls. We want them to realize their sonship in God and hope in Jesus Christ. Already two branches have been organized in two parts of the city where once or twice a week the girls go.

I said in starting that we began our night school without any preparation in our budget. I think the budget this year was $2,400.00, for this sum we can run this factory school for a year. You could not do it in Canada, but we know we can manage on that amount in Japan. It will have its ups and downs but all we can do is to go on. We have a monthly meeting of the girls themselves, when we have criticisms of any work done. One criticism offered was that instead of having the school four nights a week we ought to have it six. Also, instead of meeting at half past six and going on till nine, after ten hours' work, we should begin at six and go on till ten. Such is their thirst for knowledge.

One of the interesting things about this educational work is that a number of the wives of men working in the factories have begun to attend. Many women have come back and have learned to read and write. We believe that we shall not only reach the women in the factories, but also the wives of many of the young men in the factories.

I trust I have put the desire in your hearts to help in this night school work for the factory girls and women in Tokio. It will show a simple co-operation with our next door neighbors across the Pacific, to know the Presbyterian Church in Canada is doing work in Japan proper, although we have a very wealthy Japanese Presbyterian Church, of which I have the honor of being an elder.

I think we shall see more and more the transforming power of the spirit of God in human lives. We have a great chance to explain to the working people what Christianity means. Let us never forget that Jesus Christ Himself was a working man. Christianity should appeal to them, because at the centre of Christianity there is a cross, and every

working man knows what a cross means. I ask your co-operation in building up the work among the factory women of Tokio."

The New Canadians' Picnic

MRS. GEO. LECKIE, WINNIPEG

PRESBYTERIAN ALL PEOPLE'S MISSION PICNIC AT SELKIRK, MAN.
The little home where the mission was born and nursed in the background.

IT WAS a lovely day, when a party of ladies from the Presbyterian Churches of Winnipeg, and suburbs, arrived at the gate leading to Mrs. McKenzie's home at Lockport, where she was holding a picnic for her scholars.

Little boys were at the entrance waving their flags, their faces beaming, as they followed our cars along the long drive to the house.

A most picturesque scene met our view when we came in sight of the grounds. Children from six years of age to sixteen were playing about, some swinging, others at games, all neatly dressed, and in high spirits. Quite a number of older people were sitting around and their faces showed the happiness they felt.

Mrs. McKenzie's work is with the New Canadians,—Hungarians, Ukrainians, Roumanians, Poles and many other nationalities. They appeared to be bright, intelligent, obedient, and played together without a word of discord. This was their annual treat and they certainly enjoyed it.

Mrs. McKenzie welcomed us and showed us all over the place. The cottage had a large room in which there was a piano, cases of books, home-made patch-work cushions. There was every sign of thrift and industry. The first thing that caught my eye, was a book laying on the table. It was *Mary Slessor of Calabar*, and I thought Mrs. McKenzie was following in her footsteps, doing the work of the Master. In this room the girls held their meetings and made their patch-work quilts.

There was a very large verandah around the house and the flowers were beautiful.

Outside, the dogs were playing with the children. Not far away was

a stable in which was a cow and a pony. The pony is used by Mrs. McKenzie in her work, for she has access to fifty homes and thus comes in contact with the women, helping, encouraging, nursing and often applying her simple remedies in sickness.

There is also a Mission Band. At first it consisted of fifteen children. Their teacher told them that they must be recruits. The next week there were fifty children at the class.

We then went to see the little shanty 12 x 15 which is used for Church and Sunday School. In this building there was a portable organ which Mrs. McKenzie had bought herself; book-shelves, made out of apple boxes, filled with books, and benches to sit on which Mrs. McKenzie had herself painted. This building had to accommodate eighty-four scholars so there were three services a day, the young children meeting at 11 a.m., and the elder ones at 3 p.m. In the evening she held service for the people who say it is a treat to hear her as she seeks to speak the words of Eternal Truth to her hearers.

Some gentlemen who had accompanied us and had been away fishing, now returned and soon they were playing games with the children.

Mrs. McKenzie superintended the races. They had a wheel-barrow race which caused great fun. The dogs ran along beside and could not understand mortals with their heads down. Sometimes they would upset the wheel-barrow but it was all fun.

Next there was the stocking race. They had to run without boots, then put them on again all laced up. The boots were mixed up.

"It is like a second-hand shop," exclaimed their leader. When the children had hunted up their boots some would hold them in their hands. A few were too wise for that, so they won the prizes.

There were races for the married women and many useful presents were presented.

I heard one little fellow say to another who was a visitor, "You are not one of our Sunday School scholars, but you will be after this, won't you?"

The only music they had was a mouth organ played by a boy, untiringly.

One boy has written a splendid essay on the life of Christ. He says he is going to be a missionary to his own people.

There is also a girl who is working with a view to being a missionary. Several are going into Grade IX. Some could not afford books but one of our ladies got them two sets.

When tea time came, the children sat on the grass. After they had sung grace each was given a bag of good things. Plates of cake baked by the mothers of the children were then passed around.

After all had had sufficient, Dr. Cunningham and Mrs. Robson took

our pictures. There were seventy children and their parents besides twenty-five visitors.

Mrs. McKenzie made a speech and one of the gentlemen spoke of the good work that is being done by this good lady, who has with her, a sister, Miss Innis, a sweet-faced old lady.

Mrs. Mayouka is President of the Mission Band. As we were leaving she gathered her flock together. They sang many hymns very nicely and ended up with "God be with you till we meet again."

We left with their good-bys ringing in our ears. We had spent a pleasant time and we pray that God's blessing may rest on Mrs. McKenzie's work as she trains these children to be good citizens, real Canadians and true followers of the Lord Jesus.

After Seven Years

The Auxiliary Circle Plan

ABOUT seven years ago, the leaders of the Women's Auxiliary in the Presbyterian Church in the United States realized that some of the women of the churches were interested in one cause and some in another but that only a small number were interested in all the causes and intelligent concerning them. After thought and prayer and consultation, the Auxiliary Circle Plan was inaugurated. It has now been in operation about seven years.

Mrs. John Bratton, President of the Women's Auxiliary of the Synod of Virginia, tells something of the plan and the results following its adoption.

There is a common old saying to the effect that "The proof of the pudding is in the eating." If this be true, as all housekeepers are ready to testify, practically all of the churches of our denomination have proved that the Auxiliary Circle Plan is the very best plan of all, for practically all of them have adopted it in their organization for women.

In the feminine phraseology of the cook book it might be stated in this way:

Ingredients.—Every woman and girl in the church. First, break up all existing organizations into individual bits. To this add every other woman and girl in the congregation. Mix thoroughly and divide into groups. Use sufficient prayer and Bible study to permeate every individual. Season to taste with mission study and the study of the benevolent causes of the church. Sweeten with a sauce of a social meeting now and then. Serve at least twice a month, first as a whole and then in groups. Whatever you do, don't let it get cold. Keep hot with continued interest in order to get the best results. Satisfied users are the best advertisement of this recipe.

This is literally what we have done and what we are doing in the Auxiliary Circle Plan in the Southern Presbyterian Church.

THE AIM.—In formulating a plan the aim was "All the women of the church studying, working, praying for all the causes of the church."

METHOD OF PROCEDURE.—First: All existing organzations are disbanded. Every woman or girl in the church is enrolled as a member of the Auxiliary by virtue of her church membership.

The second step is the division of the membership into circles. All the circles are made as nearly equal as possible in spiritual, financial, and social gifts, and each circle has its own chairman. In forming the circles the exceptional members are first selected and placed in groups to which it is evident they belong—high school girls, business women, shut-in members and others. The remaining names are divided into groups such as: a. Active; b. Medium; c. Indifferent.

The names of these workers are written on slips of paper. Each group being put into a separate basket, the circle chairmen draw from each basket in turn. This method assures each chairman a circle of average ability. Usually after the first year the chairmen of circles give to the president a confidential list of the members of their circles with not only a, b, and c, written opposite the names, but if any member has shown decided ability along any line a note is made of that fact. We try as far as possible to have in each circle the following:

1. A spiritually minded woman who is a Bible student.
2. A tither.
3. A liberal giver who has means.
4. A woman with a consecrated automobile who is willing to use her car for the Lord's work.
5. Someone who is especially interested in missionary literature and mission study.
6. A woman who has a home large enough to entertain social meetings.
7. A woman who has domestic gifts and who will serve as chairman of a committee for luncheons and social affairs.

At first there may not be enough women of these types to go around, but as leadership develops women of varying gifts will be discovered.

The annual shifting or changing the circle membership is one of the best features of the plan, since it prevents cliques, fosters more general acquaintance, and gives opportunity for the development of initiation. This change is usually made by a committee of the outgoing and incoming officers. —*Mrs. John Bratton in The Missionary Review of the World.*

(To be continued)

WANTED

WANTED a resident deaconess to work among young women in a Church Home. Applications to be addressed to: "Deaconess", R. 103 Harland Smith Building, 320 Bay St., Toronto 2.

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

STUDY BOOK—"PRAYER AND MISSIONS"

SOME programme suggestions for busy people, prepared by Helen B. Montgomery are:—

ROLL CALL. Respond with great sentences on prayer, (see pp. 75, 77, 84, 92, 98, 100, 102), and end by reading Mark II:22-24.

PRAYERS. Prepare a chain of prayer. Have the women pray in turn for the great mission fields of the world.

MY FAVORITE PRAYER HERO. Let four women take part, each giving in earnest manner the substance of the matter found on (a) Immanuel Wichern, pp. 108-115; (b) Pastor Gossner, pp. 116-118; (c) George Müller, pp. 118-126; (d) Thomas Barnardo, pp. 127-131. Summarize appreciation. Have as a reading, either of the paragraphs beginning on pages 114, 115.

DISCUSSION. Why cannot our Presbyterian Missionary Society depend more on prayer, (p. 131). Unless our Auxiliaries really pray the W.M.S. is powerless. Our prayers must be definite. Pray for our missionaries by name. Pray expectantly.

THE MISSIONARIES' GREATEST NEED. Let eight women take part, one reading the paragraph "Pray for us," p. 132, the others giving in their own words stories told on pp. 133-140; one reciting poem on p. 133.

FIVE PERTINENT QUESTIONS. Write on the board and read aloud in concert, the five found on p. 140.

Close with a period of prayer.

C. G. I. T.

December Programme

LET THE initials, C.G.I.T. stand this month not only for your organization, but also for the missionary activity of your organization. Christmas Gifts In Time. Christmas gifts in time to carry cheer to the Home Mission fields, the strangers in Canada, the sick in the hospitals, the Indian children on the reserves and the little ones in the Chinese Missions. Start in good time and your gifts will represent thought and ingenuity rather than dollars and cents. Sewing bags, fancy aprons, washcloths, handkerchiefs are suggested, and, in fact, any of the little things you like to receive yourselves from your friends. Help to make it "Christmas, Christmas, everywhere."

Please notify your Presbyterial Supply Secretaries of the gifts you have in readiness, so that they may arrange for the distribution.

MISSION BANDS

Suggested Programme for December

BASED ON STUDY BOOK, "BRAVE ADVENTURERS"

AS OUR Mission Band Fleet nears the cold shores of Greenland, where so many years ago the *Hope* safely carried the Egede family and the little company of Brave Adventurers from Norway, three additional flags may be run up—the flag of Norway in memory of those Christian missionaries, the flag of Denmark whose king encouraged the courageous undertaking, and Greenland's flag, the land then won anew for Christ.

Also our travellers may be interested to know that Canada is linked with Greenland in two distinct ways. First, those earliest Norwegian sailors, the discoverers of Greenland about whom Hans Egede's father read in his big, thick book, are supposed to have visited this continent as well. Away back in the year 1000, Leif Ericson came from Norway in his long-pointed, black, viking ship and brought to both Iceland and Greenland the first message of Christianity. Then he sailed on southward and finally reached a country which he called Vinland because of the wild grapes growing there. This Vinland, historians claim, was somewhere on the coast south of Labrador, and from thence Leif returned with a cargo of timber, since wood was scarce on the island of Greenland.

The second link between the two countries, lies in the sturdy, little, black-haired, fur-clad race, known as the Eskimos. As yet our information regarding this people living away to the north of us, is not complete; but gradually, better transportation, airplanes and radio are bringing them nearer to civilization and Christianity. Watch out, boys and girls, and listen in for any news concerning the Eskimos!

Outline Programme.—Opening Hymn—"Joy to the world! the Lord is come." Bible Lesson—Matt. 2:1-12. Prayer, Business. Roll Call. Offering. Hymn—"While shepherds watched their flocks by night." Lesson for the day—*Brave Adventurers,* Chapter 4, Part 1. Closing Hymn—"Hark! the herald angels sing."

Please report to the Presbyterial Supply Secretaries the gifts which the Mission Bands will have ready for distribution at Christmas. These toys, puzzles, dolls, scrapbooks, pictures, etc., all help in spreading abroad the spirit of Christmas.

Christmas literature for use of Bands: "When the Christmas star shone," 10c.; Christmas Everywhere,"—a Christmas play for boys and girls, 15c.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

THE FIRST meeting of the Alberta Provincial Board was held in Edmonton on Sept. 23rd. While the Board was small it made up for its size in enthusiasm. It reported two more Life Members and two Y.W. Associate Societies.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

BOTH Westminster and Victoria Presbyterial are now fully organized and ready for work. The Auxiliary in Cranbrook is reported as stronger than before the 10th.

A splendid mass meeting of Presbyterian women was held in St. Andrew's Hall, Victoria, on Sept. 11th. Addresses were given by Mrs. McIntosh, Mrs. Cotsford, Mrs. Clay and Mrs. Walker, on the Pre-Assembly Congress, the General Assembly and the W.M.S. meeting held in Toronto in June, to which they were delegates. Mrs. McIntosh was also invited to speak to the Presbytery on W.M.S. work.

Minority groups were urged to organize W.M. Societies even if they only had a few members

Mrs. H. Pillar and Mrs. J. White of Vancouver, Mrs. W. L. Clay and Mrs. Jas. McIntosh of Victoria, and Mrs. A. Harold Gordon, New Westminster were appointed to serve on the Synod's Board of Missions.

Notice of Motion

The following notice of motion has been received from British Columbia Provincial Executive: "On page 16, Section xx of the Constitution of the W.M.S. on Representation at Provincial Annual Meeting, under British Columbia the last sentence of the paragraph viz, 'All other members of Auxiliaries, Y.W. Auxiliaries and Mission Bands are entitled to attend and vote at the Annual Provincial Meeting' be deleted."

ONTARIO

MRS. A. M. EKINS, BOX 304, HESPELER, PRESS SECRETARY.

THE FIRST semi-annual meeting of the Ontario Provincial Board of the Presbyterian W.M.S. convened in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Bathurst Street, Toronto, Oct. 6th and 7th. Representatives were present from as far north as New Liskeard and as far east as Ottawa. Owing to the resignation of the President, Mrs. Adam Ballantyne, Mrs. J. A. Milne, acting President, presided.

The Secretaries gave most encouraging and optimistic reports.

The opening of our beautiful School Home in New Liskeard, in September, fully equipped, and with thirteen scholars, has proven a boon to the constituency which it serves.

The Corresponding Secretary's report from June to October showed: 24 Presbyterials, 496 Auxiliaries, 116 Young Women's Auxiliaries, 22 C.G.I.T. Groups, 185 Mission Bands, 4 Minority Groups, 2 Associate Societies, 2 Tuxis Groups, a total of 827, an increase of 133 branches since June 10th. The Treasurer reported the splendid sum of $10,281.32 received since June.

Mrs. D. Strachan, of the Council Executive, brought a cheering message of the many avenues of service opening up for the W.M.S.

Mrs. W. M. Kannawin outlined the work of the General Interests Department emphasizing the prayer meeting to be held the first Friday in December. The total subscriptions to *The Glad Tidings* is 10,094 and there are 38 Life Memberships, 3 In Memoriams and 4 Junior Memberships.

The following recommendation was passed: "That Presbyterials be asked to send in, monthly, to the Provincial Treasurer, sums amounting to $100 or more, and that the Provincial Treasurer, in turn, send this money, monthly, to the General Treasurer.

LIFE MEMBERS

British Columbia.—Mrs. G. E. Ellis, St. Paul's Aux., Vancouver; Mrs. B. Ledingham, Mrs. G. W. Ledingham, Mount Pleasant Aux., Vancouver; Mrs. Donald McLeod, St. Andrew's, St. John's Aux., Vancouver.

Ontario.—Miss Sara Mickle, Mrs. David S. Barclay, Mrs. T. J. Clark, Miss Margaret R. Greig, Mrs. C. N. Sutherland, Miss Lillie Waldie, all of St. Andrew's Church W.M.S. King St., Toronto; Mrs. (Dr.) W. S. Foote, Kincardine Aux.; Mrs. Florence Brownlee, Leamington Aux.; Miss Lilie Morrison and Mrs. T. Inglis, Kincardine Aux.; Mrs. Alex. A. McEachern, Eldon Station Aux.; Mrs. H. L. Bennie, Knox Church Aux., Mitchell; Mrs. Bessie Anderson Falconer, Port Elgin Aux.; Miss Hannah Kellar, by "Sunnyside" M. B., Chippewa; Mrs. A. E. Wilson, Saltford, by Knox Church Aux., Goderich; Miss Mary J. K. Edgar, Miss Annie M. Edgar, Central Presbyterian W.M.S., Hamilton; Miss Edith Lambert, Miss Margaret Southey and Mrs. Bernard Arnedt, St. John's Presbyterian Church, Hamilton; Mrs. Wm. Stevenson, St. Andrew's Church Aux., Fort William; Mrs. David Tully, Lakevale W.M.S. (Further names will appear as space allows.)

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

British Columbia

Victoria P.S.—Gorge Aux.

Westminster P.S.—Fairview Aux., Vancouver, Cranbrook Aux.

Manitoba

Brandon P.S.—Melita Aux.

Winnipeg P.S.—Norman Hall Aux.

Ontario

Lanark and Renfrew P.S.—Carleton Place Aux., Pakenham Aux., Almonte Associate Soc., Goshen M. B.

London P.S.—Knollwood Park London Aux., "The Webster" Y.W. Aux., and "Spreaders of Sunshine" Mission Band.

Guelph P.S.—Waterloo Y.W.A.

Orangeville P.S.—Claude and Mayfield Aux., Shelbourne Aux.

Paris P.S.—Embro Presbyterian Missionary Aux., Brantford, Central Y.W. Aux., Ingersoll, St. Paul's C.G.I.T.

Timiskaming P.S.—Tomstown Aux.

Quebec

Montreal P.S.—Rockburn Aux.

Saskatchewan

Regina P.S.—Broadview Aux., Arlington Beach M. B., Broadview M. B.

OFFICERS—ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

Alberta

Provincial Officers.—Secretaries.—Supply, Mrs. L. F. Harrop, 3219 7 A St. W., Calgary; Life Membership, Mrs. R. J. Gardiner, Macleod; W. and W., Miss A. Foote, 230-4th Ave. W., Calgary; Lib., Mrs. W. E. Wilson, 10024-94th St., Edmonton.

British Columbia

Victoria P. S.—Pres., Mrs. James McIntosh, 1426 Elford St., Victoria; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Gillespie, 2052 Byron St., Victoria; Cor. Sec., Mrs. J. S. Patterson, 519 Northcott Ave., Victoria; Treas., Mrs. J. Cotsford, 1225 Sunnyside Ave., Victoria; Secretaries.—M. Band, Mrs. T. Humpries, 2917 Quadra St., Victoria; Y.W., Mrs. W. H. MacInnes, 28 Marlborough Ave., Victoria; Lit., Mrs. J. R. Eddridge, 1357 Pandora St., Victoria; W. and W., Mrs. W. C. Wilson, 1701 Stanley Ave., Victoria; H. Helpers, Mrs. D. R. McCrimmon, 1043 Clare Ave., Victoria; Press, Mrs. (Rev.) E. McQueen, 2743 Quadra St., Victoria.

Provincial Soc.—Change the address of Mrs. M. Robson, Treasurer, to 6017 Vine St., Vancouver; and that of Mrs. Urquhart, Lit. Sec., to 123 20th Ave. W., Vancouver.

Ontario

Brockville P.S.—Changes in Secretaries.—Y.W. Aux., Mrs. A. Grant, Sherwood St., Brockville; H. Helpers, Miss E. Carlyle, Chesterville, R.R. No. 2; Lit., Miss H. Muirhead, 100 Bethune St., Brockville; Press, Miss C. Buchanan, 40 Broad St., Brockville; W. and W., Mrs. T. Coulthart, Morewood; C.G.I.T., Mrs. McKee, Spencerville; Lib., Miss Effie Ross, Cardinal; Exchange, Mrs. Wallace Davidson, Ventor.

Chatham P.S.—Treas., Mrs. W. G. Stark, Victoria Ave., Chatham.

Huron P.S.—Sec., Miss H. I. Graham, Seaforth; M. Band, Mrs. H. J. Gibson, Seaforth; W. and W., Mrs. H. Arnold, Hensall; Supply, Mrs. W. D. Fair, Clinton; Press, Miss H. Isabel Graham, Seaforth.

Lanark and Renfrew P.S.—Treas. is Mrs. T. G. Towne not Powne.

Sarnia P.S.—Treas. name should read Mrs. Harrison Munro.

Algoma P.S.—Pres., Mrs. Fred Stone, 8 Borren Ave., Sault Ste. Marie; Cor. Sec., Miss C. Templeton, 177 Spring St., Sault Ste. Marie; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Maurice Hagen, 257 John St., Sault Ste. Marie; Treas., Mrs. B. Howard, 556 Sherbourne St., Sault Ste. Marie; Secretaries.—M. Band, Mrs. W. MacKay, 232 Brown St., Sault Ste. Marie; H. Helpers, Mrs. R. D. Curry, Bar River; Lit., Mrs. Cadotte Espanola; Supply, Mrs. Agnes Godfrey, 78 Elgin St., Sault Ste. Marie; Lib. and General Interests, Mrs. D. McAlpine, 212 Bloor St. W., Sault Ste. Marie; Strangers, Mrs. Neill, Webbwood; Press, Mrs. C. O'Connor, 151 Woodward Ave., Sault Ste. Marie.

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Quebec

Quebec P.S.—Supply, Mrs. Geo. Robins, 17 Magog St., Sherbrooke; Lit., Mrs. James McKelvie, Academy St., Lennoxville; Press, Mrs. Andrew MacDonald, 47 Prospect St., Sherbrooke.

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Regina P.S.—Pres., Mrs. Jas. McAra, 2068 McIntyre St., Regina; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Cochrane, Qu'Appelle; Mrs. St. Clair McLean, Nokomis; Mrs. McKay , Broadview, Mrs. Carr, Stoughton; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Robb, 1372 Montague St., Regina; M. Band Sec., Miss Victoria McKenzie, Strasburg.

Saskatchewan P. S.—Should read, **Prince Albert and Saskatoon P.S.** Provisional.

Entered into Rest

McKAY.—Died Sept., 1925, at Kildonan, Man., Mr. Wm. McKay, husband of Mrs. McKay, Secretary of the Kildonan W.M.S. and Hon. President of Manitoba Provincial Executive of the Presbyterian W.M.S.

Prayer

OUR LOVING Father, we seek Thy guidance every step of the way, in our beloved Church, and Women's Missionary Society so dear to us. Wilt Thou open up avenues of usefulness for us, at home and abroad, that we may enter with Thy blessing. Grant a fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit to every member of our Society. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord, and seek Thy face continually in prayer, and have close fellowship with the Lord Jesus, our Master and Friend. Come into our hearts Blessed Trinity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and so work in us by Thy grace, that one day, Thou may'st see in us some dim resemblance to Thyself. Bless greatly our dear young people, that they may rise up a generation to serve Thee and fit them, and us to be channels of blessing to others. The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad. Amen.

Building

JANE MACGREGOR

"AND THEY said, let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work," Nehemiah 2:18-20.

Surely now is the time for us to put into action every effort that will help our beloved Presbyterian Church. Though shaken to her very foundation she is not cast down, the promise of Jehovah stands fast, "Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee, yea I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." Let us then look to our Master-Builder knowing that He will guide us if we are willing to do whatever He assigns us.

We are not all called to be teachers in the Sunday School, nor missionaries in foreign fields, but we can strengthen and uphold the hands of these workers by our earnest prayers on their behalf. We find that among those who Nehemiah had working with him were some who only held the materials for the workers and yet, without them, the House of the Lord could not have progressed. They also serve who only stand and wait. All of us have a niche to fill if only we are in earnest, and seek to be made willing to be used. No matter how small or humble may be the task given us, we have the sweet assurance that "Mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands, they shall not labor in vain."

The Lord of Heaven He will prosper us in the building up again of the waste places. So then let us labor in the work from the rising

of the morning sun until the stars appear, remembering that they who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. May we have the blessed privilege of seeing our beloved Presbyterian Church continuing to grow unto an holy temple in the Lord, in whom we also are builded together. Finally, "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue and if there be any praise let us think on these things, and the God of Peace shall be with us."

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September 30th, 1925

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Ontario	8,496.30	Publications	865.12
Quebec	928.00	Administration:	503.11
		Printing and Stationery	123.24
		Furnishings	286.00
	$10,906.27		$9,935.18

FINANCIAL SURVEY, SEPTEMBER 30th, 1925

Amount Carried Forward from Provisional W.M.S.	$ 4,069.64	
Receipts	10,906.27	
Disbursements		$9,935.18
Credit Balance		5,040.73
	$14,975.91	14,975.91

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THE GLAD TIDINGS

"And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God." Luke 8:1.

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

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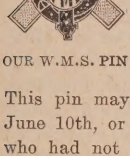
Editorial

"Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift!"—2 Cor. 9:15.

It isn't the thoughts we are sending,
It isn't the words we say,
But it is the Spirit of Christmas
That makes it the happiest day.

And the Spirit of Christmas is perfect,
When we know, as our thoughts uplift,
That God alone is the giver,
And love is His greatest gift!

—Record of Christian Work



OUR W.M.S. PIN

OUR NEW LIFE MEMBERSHIP PIN has created widespread interest, and we are glad that, in this issue, our readers can see an exact reproduction of it. The design is not unlike that of the first pin brought out by the W.M.S. It has this advantage that centering the St. Andrew's cross of gold is the burning bush, the emblem of the Presbyterian Church, surrounded by a band of blue. This pin may be worn by those who have become Life Members since June 10th, or by those of our Society who were life members before but who had not purchased a pin. Those who already possess the first pin do not need to replace it by the new design unless they wish to do so, as both pins are recognized by our Society.

As a new die had to be made for the Junior pin, a new design has been chosen. It, too, has the burning bush in the centre, and round it are the words, "Presbyterian W.M.S. Mission Bands." It is oval in shape and is in red and blue enamel with touches of gold to match the certificate which is printed in the same rich colors.

We are indebted to Mr. Louis Smith of Toronto, for both these designs and also for the design for the cover of *The Glad Tidings* which has been so widely and favorably commended.

"SUDDENLY, at the narrow part of the river where there were no waves to buffet her," Mrs. Fred H. Ross, the beloved Corresponding Secretary of Ontario Provincial Society, "passed over to the other side." She died November 6th, and a beautiful, capable, unselfish and highly trained life is lost in the corner of the world where it was so badly needed and being so bravely given. And yet her life has not been lost. It has been saved. For her devotion, self-forgetfulness and rich service will live on, and nerve us all to higher ideals of the greatness of the missionary cause.

Mrs. Ross was an outstanding figure in the ranks of the missionary workers in the Presbyterian Church in Canada. In 1914, on the amalgamation of the Home, Foreign and Montreal Societies she was appointed Corresponding Secretary of Ontario Provincial Society, which position she occupied until her death. She was also a valued member of the General Council. Mrs. Ross was a woman of unusual gifts of heart and mind. She was an outstanding officer, a capable Secretary, a great friend, and an untiring worker. Although confined to bed, as the result of a fall in August, she kept up her work, writing by hand some 400 letters, each with a distinctive message of cheer.

Mrs. Ross died in harness as she wished to do, happy in the knowledge that the Presbyterian W.M.S. in Ontario which she had done so much to upbuild and which had been so sorely rent was once more completely reorganized and at work.

To her sons who mourn the passing of a beloved mother and to the immediate members of her family we would extend our deepest sympathy.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the W.M.S. (Eastern Division) was held in New Glasgow, N.S., on October 8th-9th, during the meeting of the Maritime Synod. In spite of the disruption of the Society, there was a large attendance of delegates—200 being present. Mrs. L. A. Moore, President, occupied the chair and was supported by many Board members of former days. Each of the ten Presbyterials forming the Society were represented at this, the forty-ninth annual meeting since its formation in 1876, all, with one exception, being fully organized. Intense enthusiasm marked the meeting. Encouraging reports were received from all branches. The total givings, after expenses were paid, was $10,000. As all the Presbyterials, save two, were organized after June 10th, and nearly all the Auxiliaries later, this report was received with the enthusiasm it deserved.

The missionary speakers were Miss Crockett of South China, Mr. Macdonald of Korea and Miss Sylvester, deaconess at Thorburn.

The Society was able to support the Synod by assuming $5,000 of the Budget, this to be applied to Home Mission work. It also set aside funds for work in foreign fields as they should be required.

The W.M.S. paper *The Presbyterian Message* is proving satisfactory and the Society is progressing exceedingly.

It was a great pleasure to have our President, Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, personally convey the greetings of the Council Executive to the Maritime W.M.S. This is the first time this has been done, and the gracious welcome she was accorded was only excelled by the report she brought back of the solidarity of the organization and the splendid work that had been accomplished.

OUR FIELD SECRETARY, Miss Pelton, has visited a great many of our branches in the past two months, and her reports have been most encouraging. Through her eyes we have seen meeting after meeting full of life and interest, Y.W. Auxiliaries well organized and enthusiastic, and Minority Groups with a spirit so undaunted that they were an object lesson. Everywhere she has gone she has met with utmost kindness, hearty co-operation and magnificent response.

THE NOVEMBER NUMBER of *The Gwalior Journal* is now available. For nine months the publication ceased, but on the solicitation of friends, and with the approval of the authorities of the Presbyterian Church, it is being continued. It should prove most valuable to our members, containing as it does definite information from this most important field. The subscription is fifty cents per year, and all orders should be sent to Miss Janet Haig, 20 Farnham Avenue, Toronto.

A MOST SATISFACTORY SCHOOL OF MISSIONS has just been held in Chalmers Church, Toronto. It lasted for six weeks. The meetings were held every Wednesday evening, those for the juniors on Monday afternoon at 4.15 p.m. There were five groups, each with its own leader. Missionary text books suited to the different ages were studied under the leadership of missionaries, Board secretaries or missionary workers. Over 120 registered. If such schools were multiplied, the problem, lack of leaders, would soon be solved.

OUR COUNCIL EXECUTIVE and members of the Men's and Women's Missionary Boards of other denominations had the opportunity recently of meeting in a joint conference with Mr. J. H. Oldham of London, England, Secretary of the International Missionary Council who was in Toronto for a brief visit.

LACK OF SPACE has necessitated holding over articles and a long list of new organizations.

The Dedication of Our New Liskeard School Home

MRS. W. N. MACDONALD

THE Presbyterian School Home at New Liskeard, Ontario, was formally dedicated on Monday, November 2nd, at a most impressive service held in the Home, and presided over by the Rev. J. R. Sanderson of North Bay-Temiskaming Presbytery.

A number of ladies belonging to our own and other denominations,

and representatives of our W.M.S. from North Bay, Englehart and Tomstown were present.

Rev. J. A. MacInnes, of New Liskeard, outlined the steps leading to the establishment of the Home. Then followed the solemn dedication address and prayer by the Moderator, Rev. J. R. Sanderson.

Rev. D. T. L. McKerroll of Toronto, spoke of the value of the Home to the church; Mr. McKnight of its value to the community and, as mayor, welcomed those present.

Greetings were brought from Ontario Provincial by Mrs. R. J. McLean of Toronto. Mrs. McKerroll, President of the W.M.S. spoke and presented the following official message from the Council Executive:

We rejoice that we have been enabled to open this Home, the more so that it is a building and property worthy of the Presbyterian Church, which we represent.

Our hope and desire is that those young people who come to it, may find in it, a real home.

To them we would say just this word: this is our first contribution to the boyhood and girlhood of Northern Ontario, and it is made with the purpose of helping them to be worthy citizens of their country. And so we look to them to set an example in their studies and to remember that no one can be a true citizen, who is not first a Christian citizen, and we hope that from this place as time goes on, many will go out to their life work with noble resolves and high ideals of service, and that some may feel the call of their church and of its mission work. So will our hopes for this place be realized.

To the Matron we extend greeting, and pray that she may be given great wisdom in her work and be enabled to make this a real home away from home.

From the parents we would ask the heartiest co-operation in trying to build up a real home spirit in this place, and would assure them that we will do our part in making their sons and daughters happy while with us.

To the Presbyterian Church of New Liskeard, its minister and people, we extend our thanks for all they have done to make this Home a success, and we ask their continued interest.

From the Presbytery under whose auspices this gathering is held, we would ask your interest and your fostering care in this our first work for the young people of Northern Ontario.

Our prayer and hope is, that this is but an earnest of what our W.M.S. may do for the church in Northern Ontario.

On behalf of the Council Executive,

HELEN M. STRACHAN,

Educational Secretary.

Miss McIlwain expressed her pleasure at being chosen as the first Matron of the first School Home to be opened in Northern Ontario under the W.M.S. She also spoke of her work in various mission fields—a wonderful record of service—a service which is still going forward with cheerfulness, zeal and courage.

Speaking of this address, one who was present said, "the light on the faces of the children as Miss McIlwain spoke will be a memory for life."

The service closed with a hymn of praise, and prayer.

Our South Porcupine Hospital

A SECOND call has come from the north land, and it has met with a response. This time it is for hospital work, and a two story building has been purchased for the purpose in South Porcupine, Northern Ontario.

In this undertaking we have the heartiest co-operation of the Municipality Corporation of the Township of Tisdale, at whose request negotiations were begun, and who have been most generous in their promised support of this work.

It is estimated that in that municipality, in which are located some of the wealthiest mines in Canada, there will be a shifting population of over 20,000 people. There has been no hospital accommodation for this large mining population. Many of our new Canadian citizens are resident in this section and their need and that of the women and children makes a strong appeal for this work.

Certain improvements are being made on the building, such as the installation of the water, furnace, etc. The corporation has just established a water system in South Porcupine and are connecting it up with our building.

Miss Chambers who, it will be remembered, opened our hospital at Matheson, has been appointed matron. We expect the hospital to be opened by the middle of December. A fuller account of the building and other members of staff will appear in a later issue.

Rich in the Things That Count

We are indebted to Miss Agnes Dickson, who is doing deputation work in our western provinces, for this beautiful little picture. The setting is in Manitoba, and the people are without a church.

THEY meet in a little hall and when we reached there we found it very tastefully decorated and rapidly filling with people—until it was full to the door.

The first part of the programme was devoted to the Junior Mission Band. The prettiest part was when they sang, "Hear the pennies fall," and marched past a little white tissue paper ship named *The Glad Tidings* with a pennant on which was printed "Jesus Saves," and poured the contents of their mite boxes ($10.00) into it. Then the children who were earning their junior membership with talent money came

forward and had their badges pinned on. Seven of them had earned the five dollars each required.

When the ladies who had taken up the Thank-offering came forward with the plates laden with bills, the whole congregation stood with bowed heads and sang, "Take my life and let it be, consecrated Lord to Thee." Then the amount was announced—$200.00. That, with the children's offering, made $245.00. There are fourteen members in the W.M.S., and it is just a small village!

That is the picture, and the comment of the writer is, "I never attended a meeting like it anywhere. When I sought an explanation of it from the minister he said that it lay in the fact that it was a congregation of *really consecrated* people, and that the missionary spirit animated every one down to the little Mission Band tots. I came away feeling what a wonderful thing it would be if every W.M.S., and every church were as spirit-filled as that one."

A Christmas Prayer

"MY GOD, who hast mercifully and patiently led me through this busy year, giving me more than I have deserved, give me at this Christmas time the grace of Jesus Christ. Let the gracious spirit of Jesus—the spirit of the little child—as He knocks to-day at the hearts of men, enter my life and bless it. Let duty become touched with beauty, and justice be forgotten in love. At other times I ask that I may do my duty. To-day I ask for more: that obligation may be changed to opportunity, and duty done with joy. At other times I ask that I may walk uprightly. To-day I pray for grace, to bow myself to others' needs. Let my ears hear the cry of the needy; and my heart feel the love of the unlovely. Give my hands strength, not to do great things, but to do small things graciously. Let my gifts to-day be not a sacrifice, but a privilege. Let me accept kindness with humility. Heal the wounds of misunderstanding, jealousy or regret, that scar my heart; and let the gentler air of the Christmas spirit touch my life, as the cold of winter is touched by the gentler days of spring. As the old year ends and the new year begins, grant me peace with the world and peace in my own heart, that those I love, and those whom I may help, may have sweet joy and rest. Amen."

The Georgetown Jubilee

A MEETING of unusual interest was held in October, at South Georgetown, Quebec, to celebrate the jubilee of the formation of the first Auxiliary of the Montreal Women's Missionary Society. Rev. G. Whillans presided. Mrs. Whillans gave the historic sketch of fifty years of work of this Auxiliary, formed with a constitution of six articles auxiliary to the Canadian Women's Board of Missions in the early days. An exquisitely kept minute book, from August 31, 1875, gave interesting details. The roll of charter members was read. Miss Kate Campbell, of Montreal, and Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, of Toronto, both of whose mothers had been connected with the Society, one as a Presbyterial officer, the other as the wife of the minister, addressed a large and interested audience, some of whom had motored long distances from Ormstown, English River, Howick, and other places in the vicinity. This Society is leading the banners in holding jubilee services which many other Societies will also be celebrating these coming years.

Supply Department

OUR Auxiliary members evidently have a "mind to work." The whole hearted spirit of service that is manifested throughout our entire membership is very gratifying. The response made to our allocations of supplies for the School Home at New Liskeard has been most generous, and the home is, at present, completely equipped with everything necessary. The matron, Miss McIlwain, has expressed her pleasure with the quality of supplies provided.

Allocations for other needs have been forwarded to the Provincial Societies, and will reach the Auxiliaries through their Presbyterial Supply Secretaries. Some of these allocations will provide activities for the coming winter months.

Names and addresses to which these supplies are to be sent will be furnished from time to time as the needs of our work demand.

Presbyterial Supply Secretaries are requested to forward only the articles listed in the allocations. Any surplus should be reported to the Provincial Supply Secretary who will be able to advise as to its disposal.

ANOTHER NEWS-BULLETIN ISSUED

OUR Church has issued another *News-Bulletin*, and it is being distributed through our 1,000 congregations and 150,000 members. Every family is entitled to a copy. It contains the latest news of the various Boards and agencies of the Church and of the W.M.S. East and West, and is issued free. For information write Rev. J. W. MacNamara, 123 Harland Smith Bldg., Toronto 2.

A Bible Reading

The Prince of Peace

Isaiah 9:2-7.

POWERFUL PRINCE.	He is mighty God (verse 6). He is mighty to save, Ps. 89:19. He is mighty to deliver, Deut. 6:21. He is mighty to use in His service, Col. 1:29.
ROYAL PRINCE.	His Royalty is of heavenly origin, for He is the Son of God, He is of the Royal line of David (verse 7). He is royal in birth, in giving, in love, in grace, in truth, in action, in utterance.
INCARNATE PRINCE.	He who was the Son of God became the Son of man that He might make the sons of men, who believe in Him Sons of God. Hence we read "unto us a child is born." By His birth He became our kinsman, Heb. 2:14, that He might have the right to redeem us.
NOBLE PRINCE.	He is "Wonderful" and "Counseller". Christ's love is height without a top, a depth without a bottom, a length without a measure, a breadth without a calculation. He eclipses all others, John 7:46.
CONQUERING PRINCE.	Christ is the mighty man of valor (verse 4). He overcomes the strong man armed, Luke 11:22. He strips the powers of darkness, Col. 2:15. He leads forth His armies to victory, Rev. 19:11-15. As we have faith in Him, we, too, overcome by His power, I. John 5:4.
ETERNAL PRINCE.	Unlike earthly monarchs who come and go, this One shall remain, (verses 6 and 7), for His kingdom is spoken of as the Everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, II. Peter 1:11.

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

STUDY BOOK—"PRAYER AND MISSIONS"

THE AIM of Chapter V. is "To set forth the prayer life of the rising churches of the Orient in its simplicity, faith and accomplishment; and to challenge our mechanical and materialistic conception of prayer."

The programme for this chapter is quite different to the others. It

consists of the calling on Oriental witnesses, who might appear in the costume of the country they represent, to give in their own words, and in the first person, the matter found in the text book. For full information on how to carry out this and other programme ideas, see *How to Use;* by Helen B. Montgomery. Price 15 cents.

BIBLE READING.—Rev. 7:9-17.

PRAYER.—For the Christian church in various mission lands.

SUMMONING THE WITNESSES.—Let leader summarize material from pp. 143-4 and call on witnesses from, Africa, India, Burma, China and Siam.

A CHALLENGE.—Let leader give, not read, matter found on pp. 182-3.

Suggestions to Leaders.—Every leader wants to have a successful programme. To ensure this, she should make a careful study of detail. The meeting place should be bright, well ventilated and well arranged. The hymns and Bible reading should be in line with the topic. All members should be encouraged to take part either by repeating Bible quotations bearing on the topic or by sentence or concerted prayer. Some societies choose a prayer hymn for the year, commit it to memory and sing it at every meeting. A great help is to appoint a committee to take charge of the attendance, whose duty would be, to remind members by telephone of the meeting, requesting motors to call for some, and see that bright notices are prepared for the press.

C. G. I. T.

IN ORDER to better enjoy the letters from Tokyo, Japan, describing the night school for the factory girls, established by Miss Caroline Macdonald, sufficient background should be worked up to stage this living drama.

Setting.—Beautiful, sunny-faced Japan temporarily disfigured by the scars of recent earthquakes and fire.

Characters.—Underprivileged working girls of Japan anxious for education; Miss Kimi Fuyita, who having put herself through college, now is in charge of the school; Miss Caroline Macdonald, our Canadian missionary, wearer of the Emperor's Seal, friend of the prisons, first woman to receive the degree of LL.D. from the University of Toronto. (Whose work has been promised the support of our W.M.S.)

Synopsis.—The story of the Night School for factory girls and how it was started is told by Dr. Macdonald herself in the November number of *The Glad Tidings,* p. 62. It promises to be a wonderful work, and the women and girls of our church are privileged in having a share in something so rich in possibilities. Other vivid material, is *Investigation of Factory Conditions in Japan,* (price 5c.).

MISSION BANDS

HILDA'S CHRISTMAS CHIMES

By Marcia Gale

"MITE," pleaded the little tin box on the top of Hilda's bookcase, the horizontal slit begging like a hungry mouth.

"Might not," whispered a voice somewhere inside Hilda's head, while Hilda herself hesitated with the last one of Aunt Lucy's shining ten cent pieces held firmly between the thumb and first finger of her right hand.

"Mite," this time, the suggestion came fainter.

"Might not," the small voice had become insistent as thunder, and the little girl obediently slipped this last coin, as she had its four brothers, into the red leather purse so suggestive of Christmas shopping.

"It isn't as if I were keeping it, anyway," she told herself. "That makes the whole of three dollars and fifty cents for presents." She patted the pocketbook with approval as she returned it to her bureau drawer, tucking it well down under a pile of ties and ribbons. Then she looked up at the box on the shelf and nodded at it in an assuring way. "Just wait, once Christmas is over, you'll have your turn," she seemed to say.

But if the little tin box made any answer it was probably to the effect, "You mite, I havn't much faith left, but you mite."

If Hilda heard the remark, she did not worry about the opinion of the tin mite box. Instead she went ahead planning all that could be purchased with the contents of the red leather purse. Never before had it held such riches!

That had all happened before Miss Anne made the special plea in Mission Band for a Christmas offering, "A love gift for the Christ Child," she had called it; and she said it made no difference how it was given. Only she urged the boys and girls not to overlook such a privilege. For centuries, ever since the first Christmas, people who followed the star, had brought their gifts of love to lay at the feet of the Saviour. Some had brought rich presents like the wise men who, opening their treasures, presented gold, frankincense and myrrh. Others, like the lowly shepherds, had only been able to offer a lamb. But all had given of themselves. Therefore the members of the Mission Band should do the same, not simply asking their parents for gifts to offer. Each gift should come from the heart of the giver.

The idea had sounded very attractive as told by pretty Miss Anne, there in the hush of the church with the late afternoon sunshine slanting in jewel-colored through the stained glass windows. Hilda had felt eager to make her offering of love. Willingly she would sacrifice. Once back at home, she had suddenly awakened to the fact that what she gave must necessarily lessen the amount in the red pocketbook. That did not please her. In fact she tried to forget about Mission Band, and turned a cold shoulder on the hungry, little mite box all the while she was getting ready for bed. At least, she would not make up her mind until morning.

Hilda had been asleep some time, when she first became conscious of a funny shuffle, shuffle across her room. It was too heavy for a fairy and too light for Santa Claus. Just when she had come to this decision, she beheld a quaint little figure hurry past, clad in a long kimona with flowing sleeves and wearing many combs in her high hair. Hilda was too surprised to utter a word; so undisturbed, the stranger hastened on directly to the shelf where stood the mite box. On tip toe the little lady from Japan raised herself and lifted it down, shaking it gently. Then she repeated the act close to her ear. Not a sound.

In bed, Hilda hid behind the sheet. What would she not have given to hear the silver ring of a single dime! Five would have made a peal of bells. Supposing, just supposing the visitor should search the top bureau drawer! How could the red purse ever be explained when Miss Anne had said Christmas must be for all people. But there seemed no such danger, for shaking her head sadly the Japanese maiden put back the box and flitted away as she had come.

Hilda gave a sigh of relief and lowered the sheet an inch, only to behold a second figure approaching. The bare, brown toes of this little Indian lad made no noise as they sank into the soft rug. He, likewise, proceeded directly towards the mite box, making in time the same sad discovery, empty silence. Again to the observer came the moment of suspense lest the bulging red purse beneath the pile of ribbons be revealed. However the second stranger departed, as the first, with only the disappointed shaking of the head.

So the procession continued across Hilda's room, children from Africa, China, Arabia, all bent on the same errand, all failing alike to hear the sound of hope and promise. Then lastly, just as the little girl felt she could stand no more, there came the final figure, clad in white and radiating light. The Christmas Child, Himself. Wrapt in wonder, Hilda saw Him make his way as had the others, and she knew He must be repeating the words, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these." She longed to cry out as she watched Him lift down the box, for in her heart she could not bear that He should miss the

music of her Christmas offering. But her lips dumb, could not frame the words. Accordingly He shook His head sadly, very sadly; for, unlike the rest, He was aware of the red pocketbook. Yet even as He turned away, the light grew brighter and brighter. The next moment Hilda awoke to the glory of the morning sunshine.

"Oh," she cried in a wave of glad relief. "It was only a dream —but the realest dream I ever had."

In a second she was out of bed and traveling the path of the dream figures. She lifted down the tin mite box and ran with it to the bureau. From the top drawer she pulled the red leather purse. Nor did she stop with the five silver dimes. Again and again she dropped in her offering. Then she raised the box to her ear and shook it, delighting in the clash of silver.

"Joy to the world," it surely sang, only in the carol of the mite box, "Mite, mite, mite, mite."

NEW YEAR PRAYER FOR MISSION BANDS

MRS. J. W. DILL

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for this glad New Year. Help us to fill the days with kind deeds and helpful words to make this a happy year for Thy children everywhere. May we all be brave adventurers in helping to send *The Glad Tidings* of Jesus and His love to the uttermost parts of the world. We ask Thee to hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

In this first month of the New Year the Brave Adventurers will travel many miles by water and land—from Greenland in North America to the jungles of Central Africa. Then they will learn of the work of that wonderful adventurer David Livingstone whose heart is buried in Africa and whose body lies in Westminster Abbey. His great task was to free the slaves and tell them of Jesus who came to set the captives free. His motto was "Anywhere provided it be forward." Let us make his motto "Forward" ours for 1926. See Chapter 4, Part 2, of *Brave Adventurers.*

ORDER OF MEETING.—Opening hymn, "Saviour like a shepherd lead us." Bible Lesson, Matt. 2:7-15. Prayer. Roll Call. Offering. Closing Hymn, "God sees the little sparrows fall."

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. J. H. ACHESON, 11,728-94TH ST., EDMONTON, PRESS SECRETARY

EXTREMELY encouraging reports were presented to the Executive meeting of the Provincial Board held in First Church, Edmonton. Mrs. D. G. McQueen, Provincial President, presiding.

The reorganization of 22 Auxiliaries, 2 Y.W.A., 8 Mission Bands, and 7 C.G.I.T. groups was reported, also that over $500 had been sent to headquarters.

Mrs. Robt. Gardiner of McLeod was appointed Life Membership Secretary. Mrs. Allott was authorized to reorganize Calgary Presbyterial. The annual meeting will be held in Calgary in April.

A Thank-offering of $283,15, which included two Honorary Memberships and one Life Membership, was received at the Thank-offering of the W.M.S. of First Presbyterian Church, Edmonton. Miss MacLennan of Honan addressed the meeting, describing the changes that had taken place during the last twenty years in Honan, where the Presbyterian Church is responsible for carrying the gospel to eight million people.

Two members were appointed for the month to visit the Mission Band. The Auxiliaries are looking forward to a visit from Miss Dickson of South China.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mrs. D. A. Smith, 175 10th Ave. W., Vancouver, Press Secretary

Victoria P.S.—An enthusiastic report of missionary activity on Vancouver Island has come from Mrs. E. Macqueen, Press Secretary. The Gorge and Erskine Church, which before the union had an independent society, have now become affiliated with our W.M.S. Duncan and Alberni missionary groups will be organized shortly, and a number of enthusiastic Presbyterian women in Saanichton Peninsula have formed a branch, affiliated with the W.M.S. of St. Andrew's Church. The Chinese Auxiliary in Victoria has reorganized a very active group with Mrs. Macqueen as Pres., Mrs. Leung, Vice-Pres., Mrs. Louie, Sec., Mrs. Wong Sing, Treas., Mrs. Wong Sing was appointed a member of the Presbyterial Executive. The Chinese Mission Band has also been reorganized under the leadership of Miss Alice Eldridge.

Westminster P.S.—Work of organization is going steadily forward among the newly formed groups in this Presbyterial. At Armstrong, where as yet we have no church, eight women have formed an Auxiliary and sent to the Supply Secretary for an allocation.

Most of the Auxiliaries are holding Thank-offering meetings, and splendid results are reported at Kerrisdale, where returning Chinese missionaries gave addresses and the Thank-offering amounted to $63.00.

Central Church, Vancouver, which was permanently organized in September with twenty members, added thirteen more at the October meeting. They are aiming at 100 per cent. membership of the women of the congregation. As this is really a new organization any women joining before Christmas will be placed on the list of charter members. At the Thank-offering meeting the second Life Membership was presented, and an offering of $42.00 received.

Mt. Pleasant Church, Vancouver, has added two new missionary groups during the past month. A Mission Band of twenty members will meet every Sunday morning. A Young Women's Auxiliary, which it is expected will include every young woman in the congregation, either as an active worker or Home Helper, has already started on knitted Christmas gifts for needy children. The three C.G.I.T. affiliated groups recently gave a demonstration of their complete programme in the church. Nearly all the members of the church were present, and many expressed appreciation of the splendid all round Christian training which the girls are receiving in this department.

MANITOBA

MRS. G. LECKIE, 1457 WINNIPEG AVE., WINNIPEG, PRESS SECRETARY

THE W.M.S. of Calvin Church, Weston, was organized on October 16th, at the home of Mrs. Leckie. Fifteen ladies were present including Mrs. Hutchinson, Provincial President, Mrs. Sellers, President of the W.M.S. of Normal Hall Group, and Mrs. H. A. Robson who presided.

Mrs. Robson explained the Constitution of the W.M.S. and referred to several changes that were made at the annual meeting in Toronto in June. She then gave an outline of the work of the W.M.S. commencing with the continuing of our church at midnight on June 9th in Knox Church, Toronto.

Mrs. Hutchinson gave an inspiring address.

Mrs. Sellars also spoke words of encouragement.

A beautifully framed picture of "The Annual Meeting of the W.M.S. of the continuing Presbyterian Church, held in Knox Church, Toronto, June 11, 12, 1925," was presented to Calvin Church W.M.S. from Mrs. Robson.

All the groups in and around Winnipeg—with the exception of St. John's which will organize later—have organized a W.M.S., viz., Normal Hall, St. James, Old Kildonan, Norwood and Weston.

ONTARIO

MRS. A. M. EKINS, BOX 304, HESPELER, PRESS SECRETARY

GUELPH P.S.—Held a Rally in Knox Church, Guelph, on September 16th. Representatives from twenty-one Auxiliaries reported progress. Dr. A. J. MacGillivray of Knox Church, Guelph, gave a message of cheer. Mrs. D. E. McDonald of India spoke of her work among the Bhils. Mrs. Horne of the Council Executive told of further reconstruction work. "We are in a position now," she said, "where we can know and love all our workers."

Huron P.S.—The Thank-offering of Seaforth W.M.S. was held

October 21st. Mrs. Horne of Toronto gave an able address. The offering amounted to $200.00.

Caven Church, Exeter, reports a successful Thank-offering. Rev. James McKay, of St. James Church, London, was the speaker.

Hamilton P.S.—Held the first real "get to-gether" meeting on October 14th. Both the Executive officers and Auxiliary presidents evidenced a spirit of optimism. Their desire is to have an informed constituency, so that there may be a great response in consecration of talents and especially of prayer-life.

Kingston P.S.—The whole programme of Foxboro Auxiliary Thank-offering meeting was provided by St. Andrew's Church Aux., Belleville. Over twenty ladies and gentlemen motored to Foxboro, and the result was an enthusiastic gathering and an offering which nearly trebled that of other years.

Maitland P.S.—A splendid Mission Band Rally was held in Wingham on September 19th, the 177 delegates representing nine Bands.

The semi-annual meeting of Maitland P.S. held in St. Andrew's Church, Wingham, October 8th, was marked by a spirit of courage and earnestness. Miss B. MacMurchy of the Council Executive, in closing her address appealed to each one to earnestly ask God to keep us true and faithful to the work for His kingdom. Mrs. Arkell of Teeswater gave inspiring closing words.

SASKATCHEWAN

Mrs. W. Patterson, 401-28th St., Saskatoon, Press Secretary

Provincial Organization of Presbyterian W.M.S.

THE gathering together of a few earnest women in the Y.W.C.A. parlor, Saskatoon, on October 16th, testified to the truth that not through numbers alone, does God make Himself known, but where people become conscious of utter helplessness and their need of Divine guidance and wisdom.

Throughout the proceedings attending organization, and during the period of devotion and meditation, the dominant vote was "The greatest need of the individual church and nation is God and a vision of the real relationship between Christ and His disciples."

The addresses were full of inspiration to new zeal and consecration; and each speaker made a faithful presentation of the needs and possibilities awaiting us in the future. The object of the meeting being reorganization, steps were taken to that end.

Following a discussion on the new constitution and by-laws, and the acceptance of same, the election of the *officers for 1925-26 took place.

The convention adopted the resolutions on observing W.M.S. Sunday and thanks to Provisional Executive, to all who had contributed

to the pleasure of the meetings in song, service and entertainment. Delegates were present from Prince Albert, Watrous, Broadview, Regina, Arlington Beach and Duval.

*For list of officers see page 97.

QUEBEC

Miss Kate M. Campbell, 398 Dorchester St. W., Montreal,
Press Secretary

QUEBEC Provincial Board met at Montreal on October 20th.

Montreal Presbyterial reports 31 Auxiliaries, 8 Mission Bands and 4 Y. W. circles. Quebec Presbyterial reports 9 Auxiliaries. In both Presbyterials a number more are expected to report organization shortly.

Mrs. Owen Campbell, formerly President of Quebec Presbyterial, consented to act as Travelling Secretary, without salary, and to visit the Auxiliaries in Quebec Presbyterial as soon as possible. It was decided to ask the Council Executive to assume her travelling expenses.

As the result of a conference with Mrs. McKerroll on October 13, a proposal to merge the Provincial and Presbyterial organizations was laid on the table for the present. Mrs. McKerroll advised a greater number of organizations and officers rather than the proposed reduction.

The southern portion of the Montreal Presbyterial, under the charge of Mrs. R. L. Ballantyne, was reported to have an Auxiliary in every congregation within its bounds, and one Auxiliary in North Georgetown, to have every woman in the congregation, either an active or home helper member. This Auxiliary has just celebrated its fiftieth anniversary. It enjoys the distinction of being the first Women's Missionary Auxiliary organized in Canada.

A resolution was passed endorsing the request of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa for the establishment by the W.M.S. of a School Home within its bounds.

As a result of an earnest presentation of the needs of the French-Canadian people by Mr. R. A. Regnault, it was resolved that the Council Executive be asked for as generous a grant as possible for the purpose of providing religious literature for the French Protestant families and groups scattered throughout the country and deprived of religious services.

It was decided that, instead of an annual meeting this year, a full Board meeting be held at the time of the Montreal Presbyterial annual meeting.

WANTED.—For the Okanese Indian Reserve, a lantern that can be used with acetylene gas. Communicate with Mrs. W. H. Fletcher, 154 High Park Ave., Toronto 9.

Treasurer's Statement

October 31st, 1925

RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS	
Provincial Givings:		*Salaries and Maintenance:*	
Alberta	$ 550.00	Chinese work in Canada..	$ 222.98
British Columbia	160.00	India	250.00
Manitoba	117.00	South China	83.33
Ontario	4,370.24	Social Service	409.90
Quebec	1,160.00	New Liskeard Home	84.07
Saskatchewan	135.00	Insurance	12.00
		South Porcupine Hospital.	2,510.00
		Organization:	3.00
		Travelling Expenses	200.00
		Publications	306.34
		Administration:	354.84
		Furnishings	245.50
	$6,492.24		$4,681.96

FINANCIAL SURVEY, OCTOBER 31st, 1925

Credit Balance September 30th	$ 5,040.73	
Receipts	6,492.24	
Disbursements		$ 4,681.96
Pension Fund		225.13
Sustaining Fund		1,090.62
Credit Balance		5,535.26
	$11,532.97	11,532.97

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